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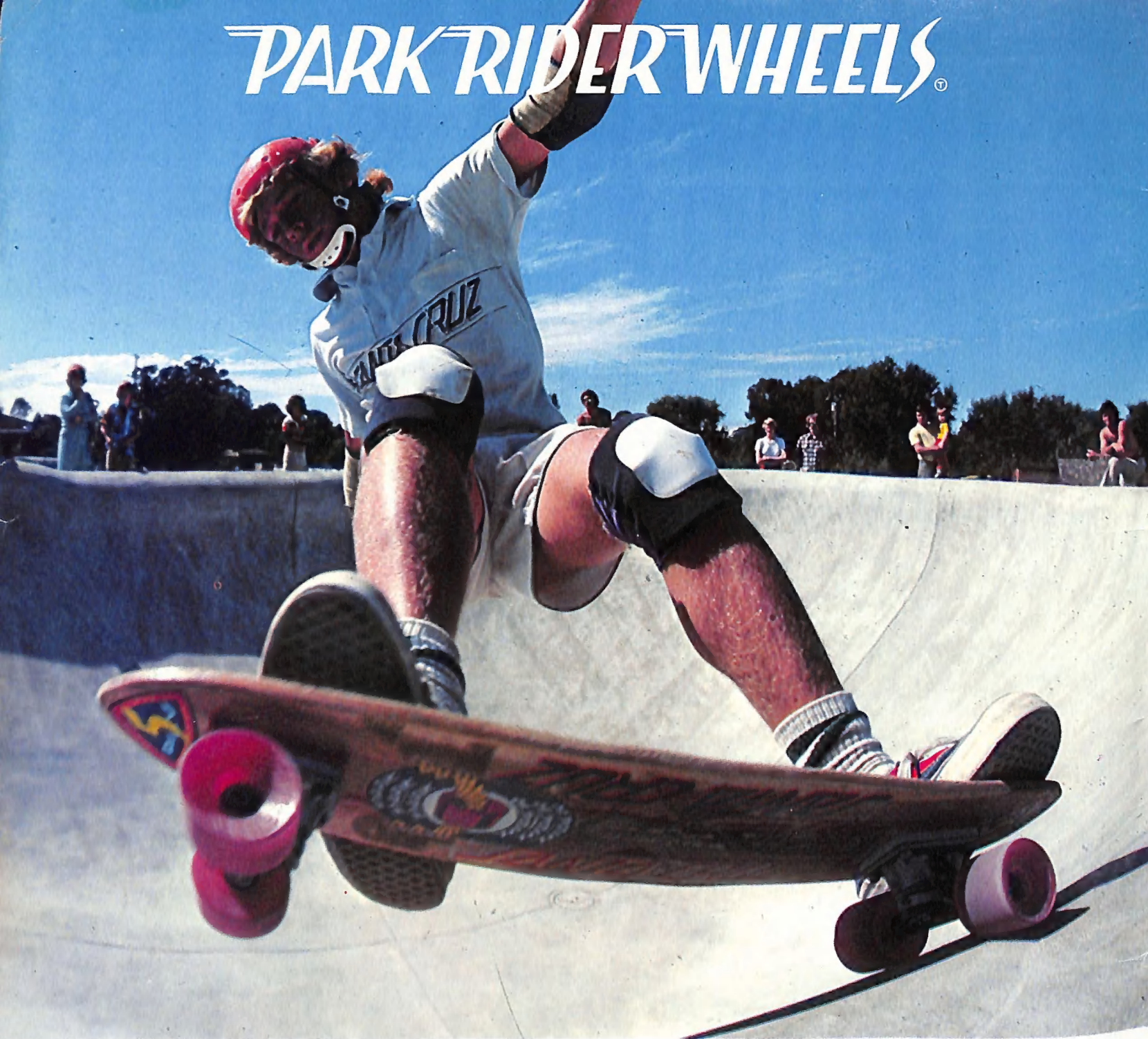
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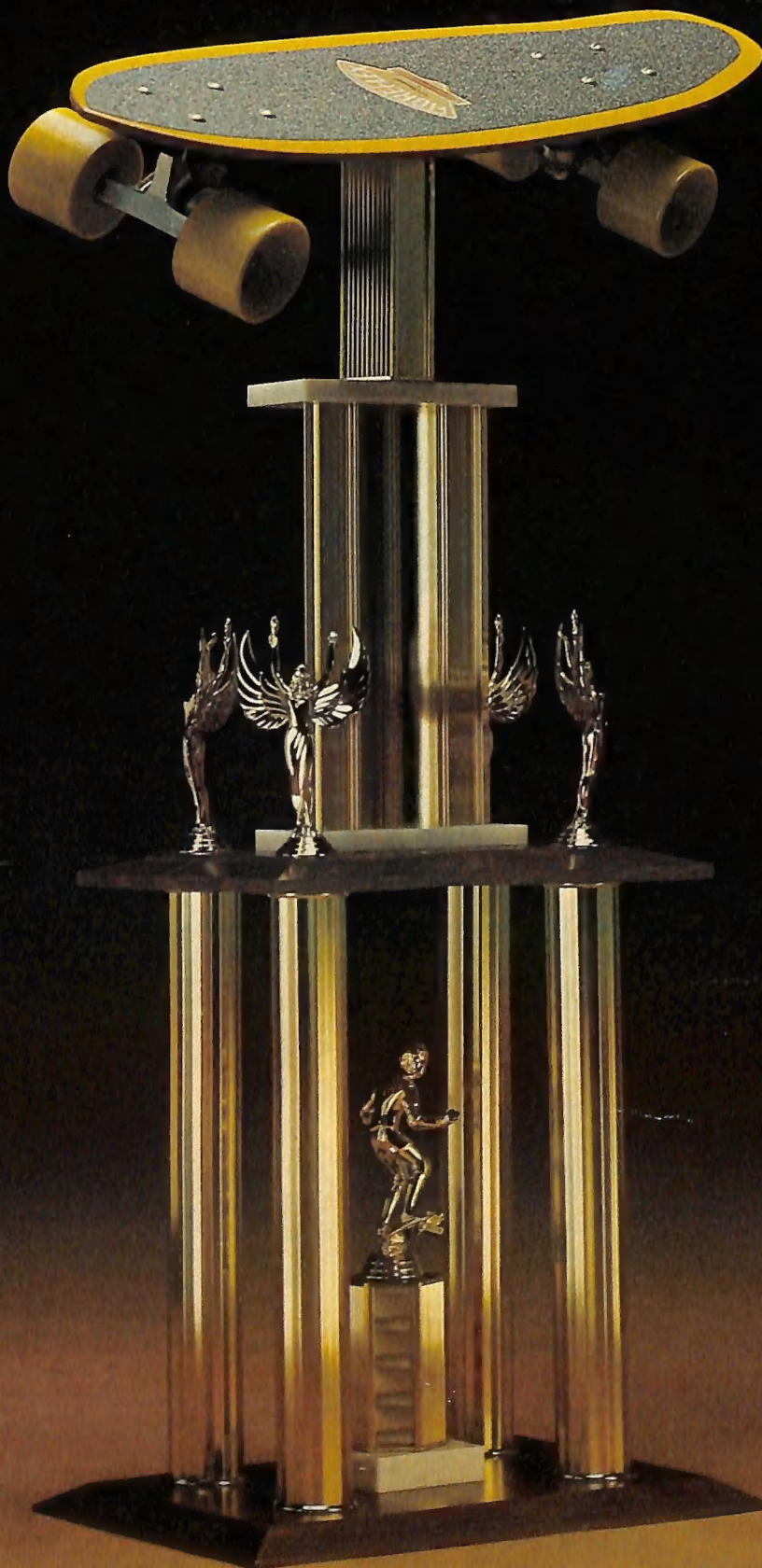
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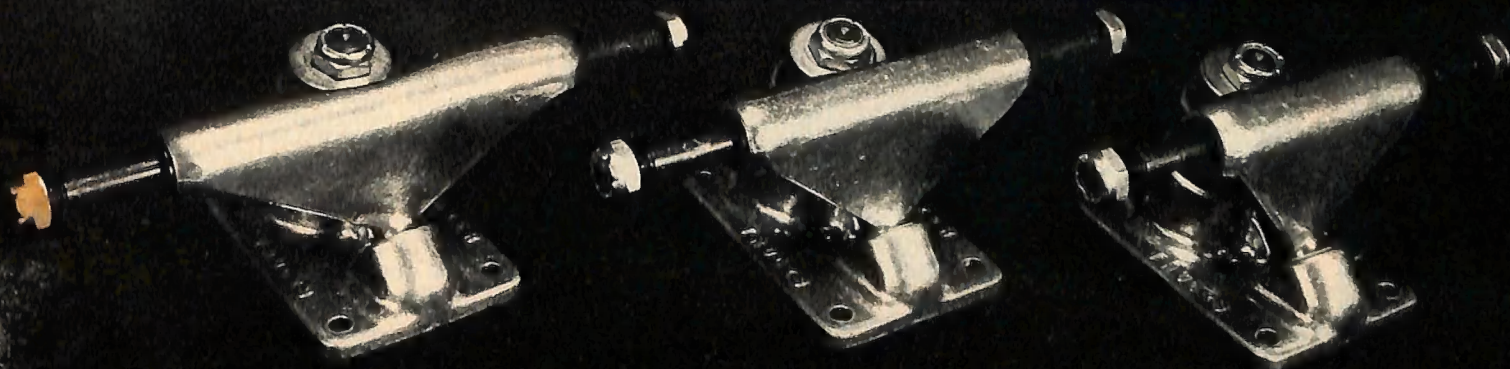
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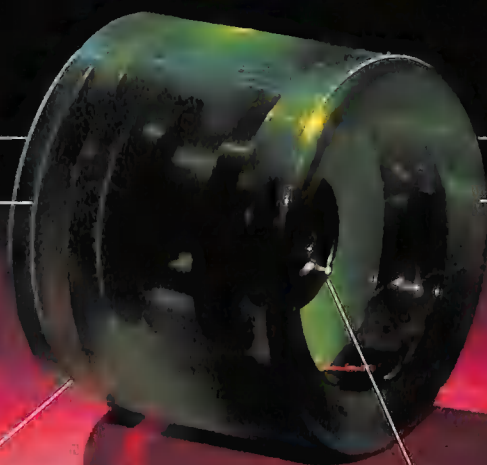
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FAN MAIL

I am totally stoked over Tommy Ryan (What a Babe!) When I was in Aspen, Colorado, a few weeks ago, I saw him skating in a Pro/Am meet. Anyway, I would love to know where I can write to him. Do you think you could send me his address?

Kim Barbeau, Montreal, Quebec, CANADA

Yesterday I picked up my first ever copy of SKATEBOARDER and it is a KNOCK OUT! I have never seen anything like it. I am a novice skateboarder and I thought I was hot 'cos I could do 180's! Are these people like Tom Inouye real?

Andy Simpson, West Yorkshire, ENGLAND

Recently, the Hobie Professional Team performed in Toronto at Collegiate Sports. I attended both their demonstrations and was particularly impressed with Skitch Hitchcock. Could you please forward me an address where I can write to him?

Jo-Anne Francis, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA

I was blown away when I read about that 10-year-old Eric Dressen in the September issue. It's great seeing these little kids ripping the parks. Also, tell W.B. that he should get some close action wipeouts, not just the old clean carve, 3-wheelers, and kickturns. Keep up the good work!

Waldo Flibbitt, Cypress, CA

I want to personally thank those six HOT skaters who came to our town. Gordy Lienemann is the BEST! Let's see some good pictures of him. Please send me his address.

Sue Cabrera, La Mirada, CA

P.S. Gordy, don't forget to write.

I really enjoy your magazine a lot, although I'm not the best skateboarder around. I'm glad I finally subscribed to it because every time I go to buy it, it's sold out! Could I see some more pictures of Jay Adams, Stacy Peralta and Arthur Lake (in color, too). Oh yeah, Hi to Gregg Weaver from Jacki; I'll call you when a hot Newport party comes up.

Jacki Toelle, Newport Beach, CA

Could you please send me some stickers and photos of Bruce Logan? Thank you.

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Twas the night before Christmas when all through the town, All the kids were getting ready to bed themselves down. They hung their stockings by the chimney with a well meaning Prayer, That skateboards and posters in the morning would be there. They nestled themselves all snug in their beds, With visions of skateparks dancing through their heads. When out in the street there came such a noise, I sprang to the window and saw Santa with the boys. Their leader had a beard as white as the snow, And he called out their names which I'm sure you all know. "Now Hitchcock & Weaver, now Weed, Nadalin, and Shipp, Come on Skoldberg and Cespedes, let's see that kick-flip." He slid down the chimney and left wheels, trucks, and sticks, But I stayed by the window and just stared at the tricks. As he finished his work he gave a twitch of his nose, Then cranked twenty 360's and up the chimney he rose. As they skated off into the darkness that cold winter night, He turned and shouted the reason for their nocturnal flight.

"We here at Hobie wish you a Happy Christmas tiding, Safe skating to all, and to all- Good Riding!"

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would make your magazine better. First of all,
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Secondly, it would be hot to have an interview
with that looney Bobby Piercy, the smooth
Steve Cathey and a sure-to-be-intense inter-
view with Jay Adams. And lastly, while I whole-
heartedly approve of the new motor-drive se-
quences, let's see some hairy sequential EATS.

Blaine Dollad, Seattle, WA

Me and my friends would dig it if you had an in-
terview with Jay Adams.

Jeff Jones, Randy Wild

I just got the October issue a few days ago and
was totally stoked by the hot pipe, pool and
park riding photos, not to mention that radical
new half-pipe ramp. But I would like to see
more of my all-time favorite skater, Jay Adams,
in some hot shots if the camera can click fast
enough sequentials. Well, so long and keep go-
ing strong.

Andy Benson, Wilmington, DE

"A Jay Adams interview, barring unfor-
seeable circumstances, is upcoming..."—
Editor

GETTING DOWN

Product Update? I was amazed to see in the
August issue a said board by a manufacturer
using a process that loads graphite into their
laminations or whatever. Well, it's really no se-
cret that a manufacturer in Michigan uses a
process that enables them to make the hulls of
their boats featherweight and comparably as
strong as conventional means. Airplanes also
have turned to this space-age process. Wel-
come to the world!

Chris Yandall, Detroit, MI

(P.S. California can't produce all the good
things!)

I think what's been going on between most of
the skateboarders from here in California and
the East coast states is total crock! I may be a
girl who's slightly new to the sport, but I still
know what I'm talking about. No one has seen
every rider or team. Even if you go through with
your egotistical challenges, what's it gonna
prove? Knock off the B.S. and stop shooting off
your mouths. Try using your mouth for kissing;
it's more fun that way!

A California Girl, Montebello, CA

About 2 years ago, I got my first skateboard.
Unlike everyone on the West coast, I didn't
have a lot of pros and parks around to learn
from. What I did have was city streets and oc-
casionaly an open basketball court to learn on.
I learned to do my thing my way. Then I heard
about SKATEBOARDER Magazine. I figured
maybe I could learn something new, but all I
ever heard about were the same people... oc-
casionaly there was someone new, but they
were mostly people from the West coast. I live
in a suburb on the South side of Chicago and
there are some people out here who are pretty
hot. You'll find them all over; you just have to
look a little farther than the West coast. You
teach us a lot of different things and we appre-
ciate it. And if you look for the right people, they
can teach you a few things, too.

The closest skatepark to my house is 420 miles
away... and it's not even finished yet! But we
still have some hot stuff, so don't forget about
us!

Sue Lindbloom, Delton, IL

To all you guys who complain about not having
any skateparks or pools nearby, you're lucky!
We don't have *anything*... NOTHING! No
pools or parks. Oh yeah, skateboarding has ar-
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skate. Wood is expensive up here, so there are hardly any ramps to ride. We've tried the mayor, but he's turned us down many times. It snows here about 7 months of the year, but hasn't anybody thought of an indoor park? Us skaters can't raise \$125,000 alone to build one, so how about it? Just a small indoor park would be great. Keep up the good work, Paul Hackett and Suspenders!

G.L., Anchorage, AK

We think you have a real nice magazine and like the coverage you have given everybody. Some more coverage of the North/Northeast would be appreciated (Vermont, N.H., etc.). We read that some guy out there thought he had a tough time getting to a good spot. From here, the closest spot is a whole day away. Some reliable info about this area would help.

Andy Kling, Burlington, VT

P.S. From up here, everyone is a "Down Souther."

I am writing to you to complain about the lack of skateparks in Hawaii. There are a lot of hot skaters here, probably more than you know of. Hawaii is really left out of the skateboard scene. The sport has been expanding all over the world, but unless we get some places to skate, Hawaii will probably drop out. You should see if some of the guys who put parks in Texas could put a pipe or two in this state. We're in need! Even New Jersey has a park, not to mention Philadelphia. Hawaii is probably where the world's second best skaters are anyway.

S. Terrace, Honolulu, HI

I want to express my approval of the article in your October issue about ramps (Skate Tip section, "Building your own ramp.") Being an Ohio skateboarder, I can really use any ramp ideas I can get! There is only one skatepark in Ohio and that's more than 100 miles from where I live.

Hey out there! How about a skatepark in Columbus, Ohio? There are probably over 400 people in Columbus alone who'd be willing to shell out the admission price to get in a skatepark every chance they get. Skateboarding has hit the Midwest and I hope soon that Ohio will emerge as an established skating area.

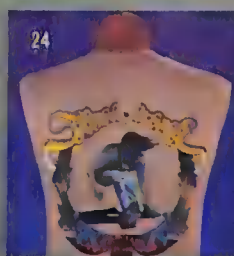
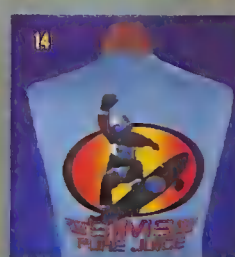
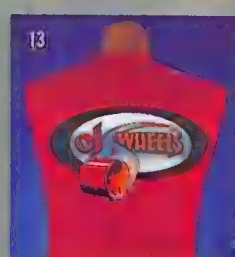
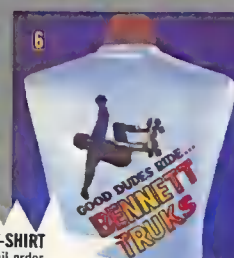
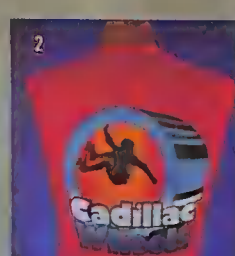
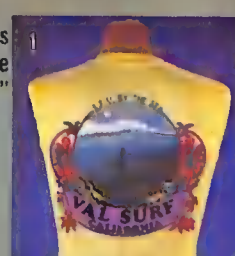
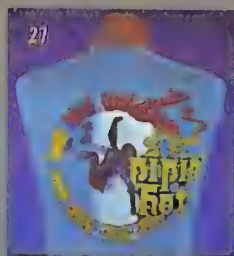
Joey Nespor, Columbus, OH

Thanks for the article on Rampage in your last issue. We used it as a basis for our own half-pipe. Our ramp looks like a smaller version of Rampage. It's about 7' tall with a 16' diameter and an 80-degree angle. Since Vernon Valley Skatepark is about 45 minutes away, we don't get up there too much so our ramp is great for us.

Dave N., New Jersey

In your October, 1977, issue, an article "On the Rampage" appeared. Thanks very much for the constructive reporting. Immediately following the article, you were kind enough to thank Sparks, Inc./Rampage for support in the development of this idea. However, there are two things we think you and your readers should know. First, Rampage is not a subsidiary of Sparks, Inc. We are a separate organization. Second, a number of associated skateboard groups participated in the support of this project. Sparks, Inc., was one of these groups. Mail should therefore be directed to our own address: Rampage, P.O. Box 2247, Leucadia, CA 92024. Thanks again for your continued interest in the future of skateboarding.

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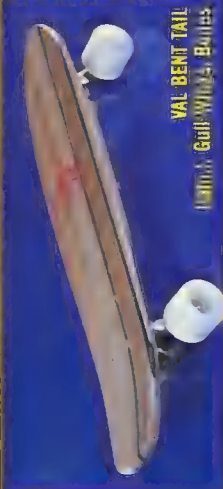
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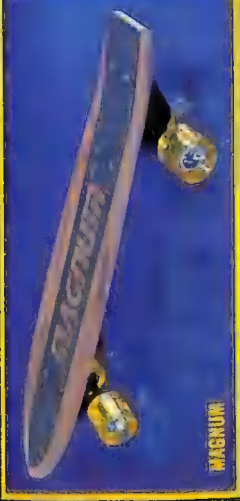
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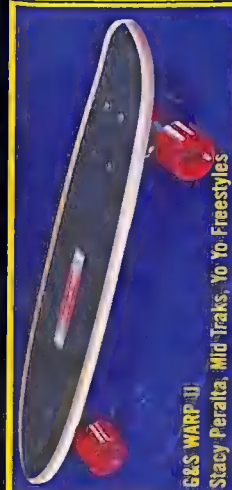
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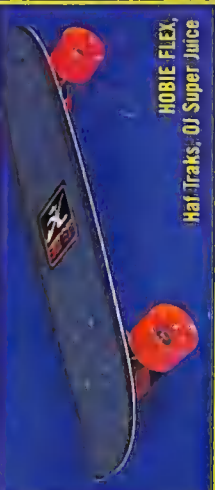
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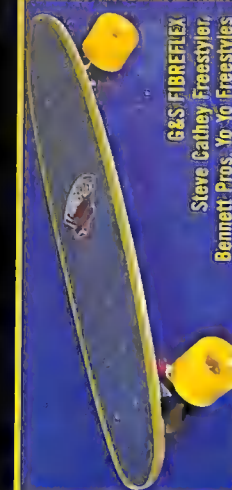
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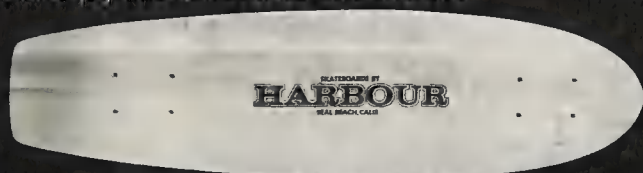
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FUNNY FOTO WINNER

My guess to October's Funny Foto is John Severson (or Bobby Piercy running tight cones surf style). Am I right?

Mark Slodek, Tacoma, WA

"This month's lucky winner receives a box of Mellow Cat Products."

We girls at the G & S office, while glancing through the newest issue of SKATEBOARDER Magazine, were faced with a great dilemma. As we came to the Off The Wall Funny Foto, we saw a familiar profile of someone we all knew and saw almost every day. We began to ask ourselves if we should confess to knowing this man (I mean, we all have some sense of pride). Well, we decided it was our duty to tell what we knew, it's almost obvious enough for those of you who call to find that Mr. McIntyre is consistently out to lunch. Well, now everyone knows where it all goes!

The Office Girls

LONG DISTANCE INFORMATION

This letter is to inform you of a recent contest that took place here in Memphis, TN, on August 12th. It was sponsored by Pepsi-Cola, a local radio station and several small merchants where the contest took place. The contest had 6 judges. Each contestant was judged on a scale of 25 points according to the difficulty of tricks, style, and execution of the trick. The judges' scores were all added together to get the contestant's score. There were 4 age groups: 6-9 years, 10-14 years, 15-18 years, and 19 and over. The top ten scorers of each age group were advanced to the finals. In the preliminaries, each skater was given 20 seconds to perform.

In the finals, each skater had 60 seconds to perform; the highest scorer was the winner. Each first place winner (in each age group) got \$56.00 in cash, a Hobie Competition skateboard, a case of Pepsi and a first place trophy. The judges were then polled, and a grand prize winner was chosen. I was chosen for that honor. My name is Brian Sneed. I received an additional \$56.00, a \$150.00 gift certificate for clothing, another Hobie skateboard, Hobie elbow and knee pads and helmet, a Hobie Pro skater t-shirt, a month's supply of Pepsi and a grand prize trophy.

Skateboarders here and elsewhere in the South are really hot. It's not just a bunch of ego BS either. I just moved here from Hawaii and I've ridden with some of the best in the Islands, like Darren Ho and Gary Owens of Town & Country. I've seen a lot of hot kids and a bunch more with lots of potential. I'm hoping you'll put a small piece in your magazine about this contest, because I won nearly \$500.00 in cash and prizes... and that ain't chicken feed. Pepsi also filmed the whole thing for a t.v. commercial. Please let the readers know what we in Memphis are doing for the sport. Thank you very much.

Skate on, Brian Sneed, Memphis, TN

SHOW US THE SAUSAGE

My sister and I were wondering about the true identity of the Sausage Man (p. 124, Sept. issue). Was he the guy who did the dance routine in the movie, *The Magic Rolling Board*? We also want to say that your ad on page 128 is great and you have a great magazine. Keep putting Gregg Weaver and Waldo Autry and Mike Weed in your magazine because we like them.

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SALLY ANN MILLER, chairman of the Park Commission, Irvine, California (builders of the first municipal park in the country), and Executive Director of the International Skatepark Association will talk on "COMMUNITY CONSENT," covering zoning and other regulatory matters.

CLIFFORD L. SCHMIDT, Director, Skatepark Design/Consultation Services for Hi-Flite, Inc., of La Jolla, California, will speak on "WELL-PLACED CURVES," concerning good design and layout.

JERRY MOORE, principal of International Skate Park Constructors (builders of the Field House Skateboard Park in Thousand Oaks, California) and a leading authority on skatepark materials technology, will discuss "CONCRETE SUGGESTIONS."

GARY MORTEMORE, Vice President of the Roemer Insurance Company (arrangers of liability and medical insurance for a number of parks) and an owner of a skatepark in Ft. Pierce, Florida, will speak on "LIABILITY INSULATION."

BILL KEENE, owner/operator of the Zero Gravity Skatepark in Cambridge, Massachusetts (the largest indoor park in the

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JEFF SPENCER, Executive Vice President of the American Skateboard Association and owner of Skateboard Safari in West Palm Beach, Florida, and **BRUCE RUSSELL**, principal of Skateparks Unlimited and founding director of El Cajon Skatepark, will both talk on successful skatepark operations in their "OFF AND RIDING" presentation.

LEE BAXTER, who is coordinating skateboard safety studies for the Consumer Products Safety Commission out of Seattle, Wash., will talk about SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS at the Friday luncheon.

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MAYAN CAT TRUCK

Sports-Trend of San Diego is manufacturing a new skateboard truck of totally unconventional design on which they have a patent pending. It will be known as the Mayan Cat; the term "CAT" denotes Cam Action Truck, which describes its principle of operation. The two-part construction consists of a support base of high strength molybdenum disulphide filled polyurethane and an axle carrier of heat-treated aluminum alloy. The assembly is held together by a single bolt, washers, one rubber and a self-locking nut identical to those securing the wheels. This truck allows 35° of turn in both directions.

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TRANS-AM TRUCK

Lotus International of Anaheim, CA, has announced the release of their new Trans-Am Truck. Cast from prime 356 aluminum-silicon-magnesium alloy for lightness and heat treated to T-6 condition for strength, this truck is then burnished to a bright luster. It features a 7-inch axle for stability and soft red action rubbers for maneuverability. The flanged yoke is reinforced for high breakage resistance, and the entire truck has been designed with strength and beauty as the prime considerations.

ENERGY TRUCK

Weber Skateboards has given us specs on their new Energy Truck which speak for themselves. The axle is stress proof, with an assured strength of 5,000 pounds. The axle nut, cushion bolt and cushion nut are made of the strongest hardware now available, heat treated to a grade number 5 then plated to a silver finish. The axle hanger is made of strong but light aircraft material. The design incorporating a raised axle is said to eliminate the need for pads to take up slop in the base bolts in between the board and

the base. The hanger and pivot area offer full rotation with unobstructed performance. The base plate is also constructed from a lightweight metal which will not split or break. It is interchangeable with other hangers and teflon coated in non-scratch black. Energy Trucks come in sizes of 5", 6" and 7".

STAR TRAC WHEELS

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Judging by the numerous new woodies we see on the market, interest in wood boards seems to be increasing. Performance is not the sole consideration, for many utilize the natural beauty inherent in the material for cosmetic appeal as well.

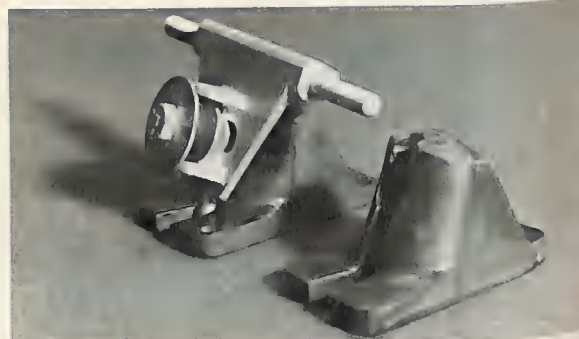
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by Chris Strople

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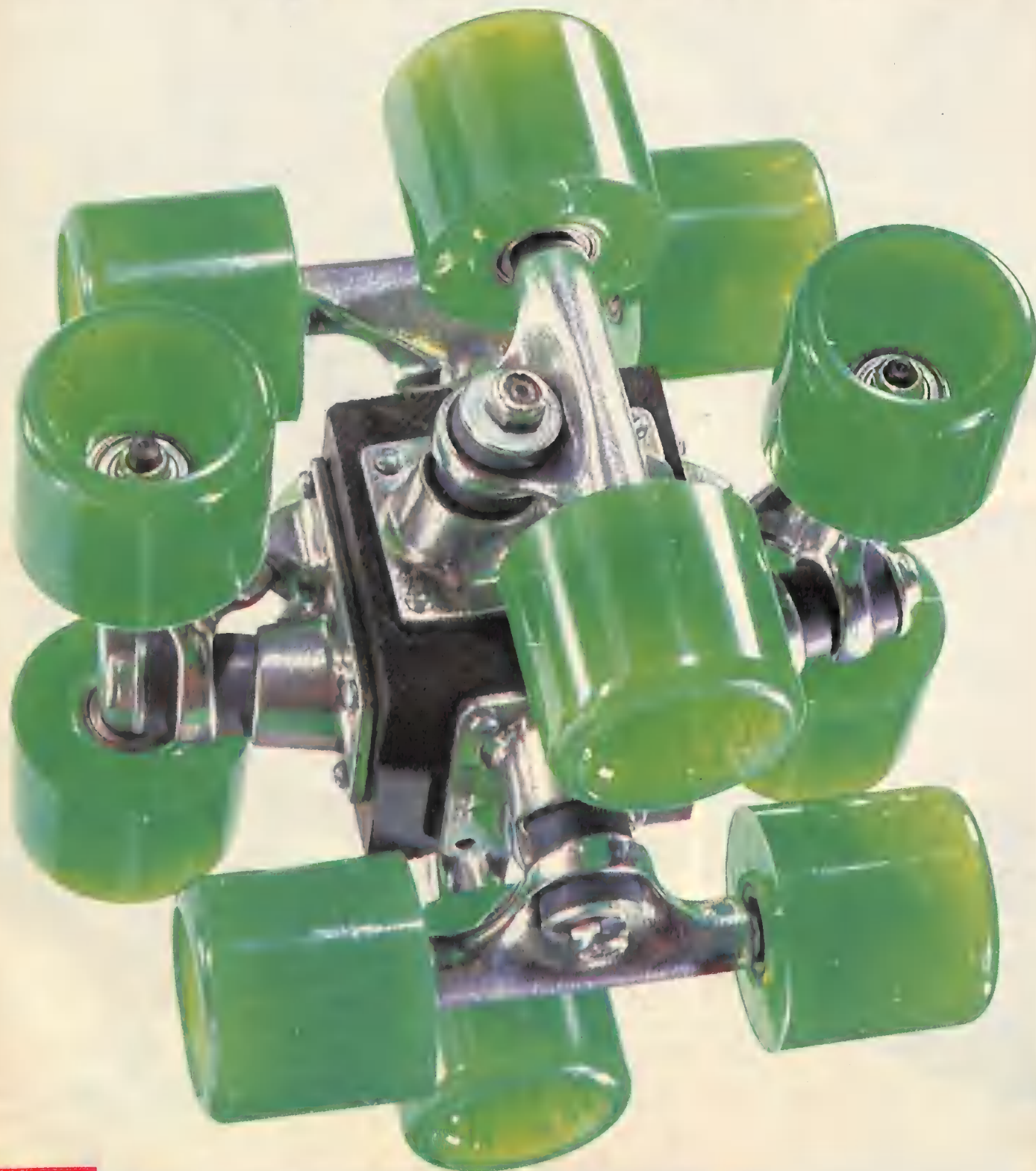


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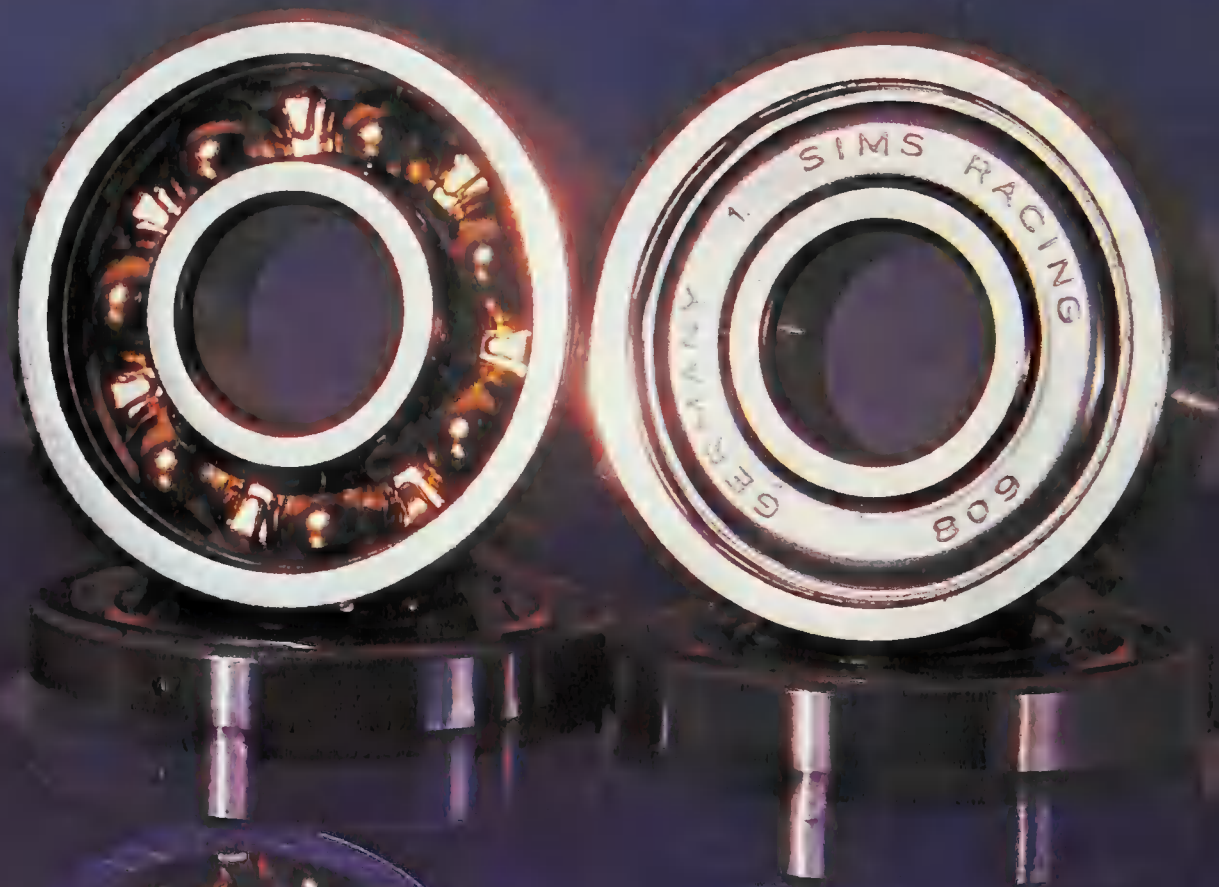
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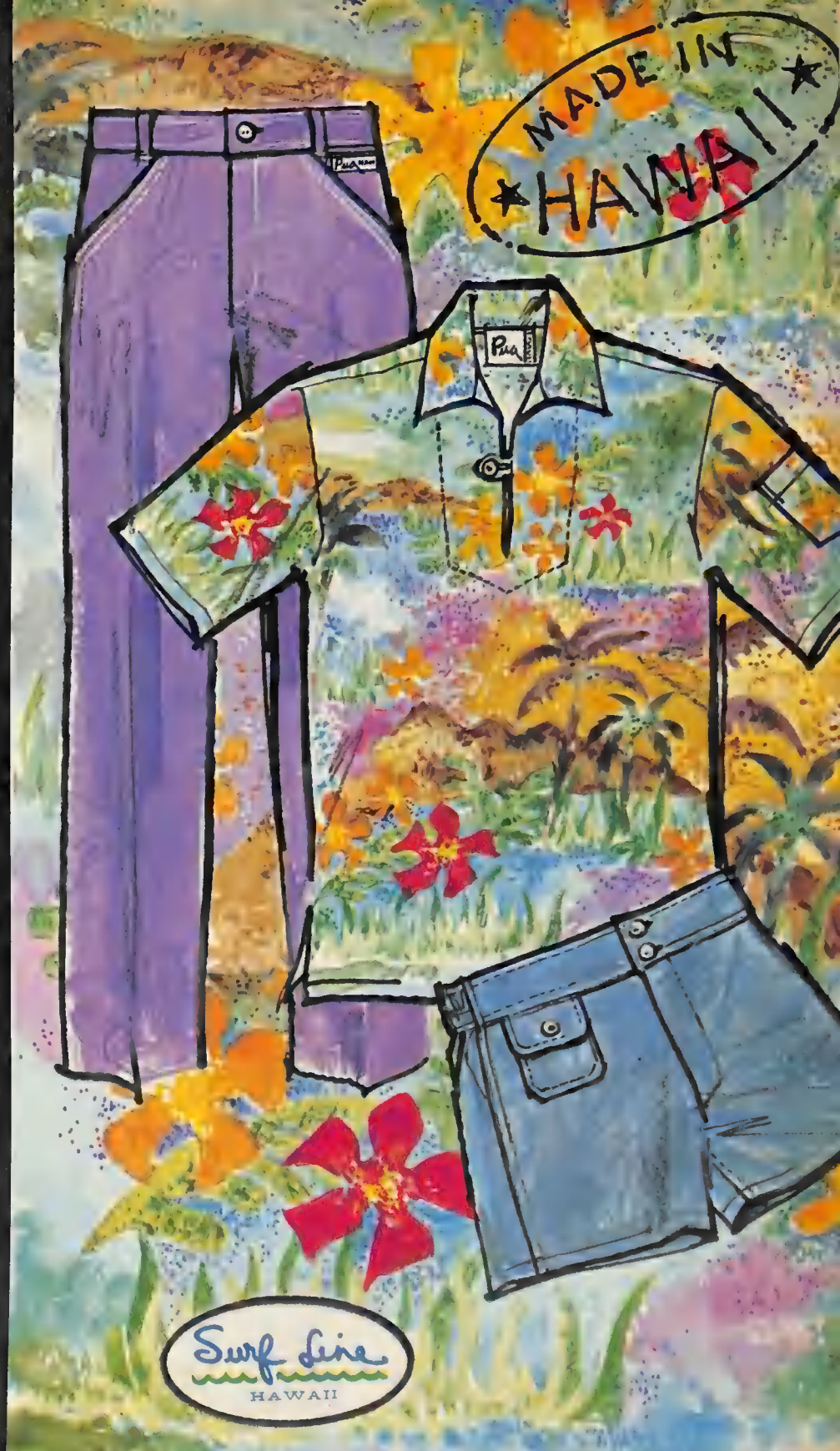
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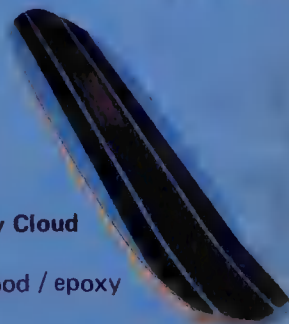
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"VARIOUS AND SUNDRY THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN ON MY MIND"

by Curtis Hesselgrave

Today I'm going to talk on two wildly divergent subjects. First, I want to clear up some confusion; and secondly, give my personal view of what I'm trying to do by writing this column every month.

The confusion that I want to clear up is the "Frontside/Backside" one. In my travels around the country, I've found that the direction your body moves when doing kickturns is called by different

names. The problem becomes apparent when you go from flatland to vertical.

If you are a regular foot (i.e., right foot on the tail), and you spin 360's toward your left; it's regarded as Backside (goofy-foot's-reverse all this). But, if you go on a bank, and kickturn toward the left, it's regarded as Frontside. The explanation of this apparent discrepancy is twofold: the first is technical, the second is historical (because most of the early skaters were surfers also).

The technical reason is that when doing a frontside kickturn on a wall, your chest faces the wall as you turn. In the case of 360's, you are spinning toward your back. So, in bank-riding kickturns, it's the relationship of your body to the wall that is the determining factor; on flatland, it's the direction you spin.

The second reason goes back to the original name for bank kickturns. Kickturns used to be called "Off the Lip's," as they were similar to surfing a wave. When a surfer rides down to the bottom of a wave, turns, and rides back to the top to rebound off it, thereby directing his board back down the wave again, it is called an "off the lip." When a surfer rides a wave with his chest facing the wave, it's called a frontside ride. Therefore, a regular foot surfer riding frontside, rebounding off the top of a wave would be making a left turn, just as a regular-foot skater doing a frontside kickturn would be making a left turn. As you can see, the name for the direction of the kickturns on banks has technical as well as historical reasons behind it.

Now, after hopefully clearing up that

little mystery, I'll move on to "Phase Two." As the name of this column is "Skate Safe," we've spent past issues discussing subjects ranging from principles of mind/body coordination, to how to do a kickturn on vertical. Now, I'd like to link all these divergent subjects with the philosophy behind my concept of safe skateboarding.

To me, the safe skater is the one who takes all the possible factors of his environment into consideration when he skates; his talent, equipment, terrain, legal implications, safety equipment, crowd conditions, surface conditions, etc.

All skaters, from the green beginner to the seasoned pro, know that all of the above conditions exist. The degree to which you skate safe depends on how many of these factors you choose to consider, and what steps you take to accommodate them. It's obvious that at any given time you can choose to ignore anything you want and bull right on through anything . . . yet, that's not what I'd consider safe. You see, safety contains a certain amount of wisdom; a consideration of *all* the elements that fit you into harmonious accord with your environment.

This is safety in the most absolute sense. To translate this concept into daily activity, to fit the right amount of precaution into each given situation, is the founding intent of this column.

We'll talk of many things and I hope that through this something will make a connection somewhere in you, and you'll begin to build your own personal balance and reality of safe skating. ☺

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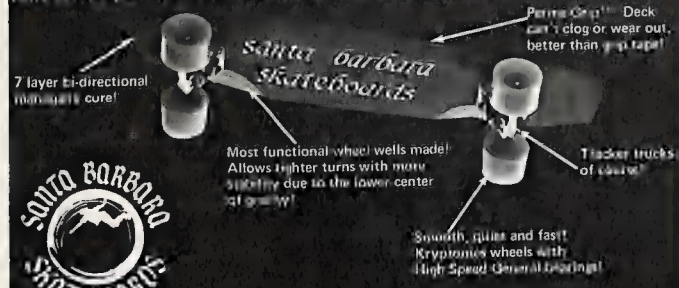
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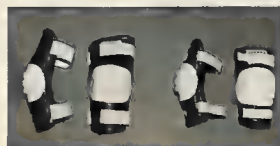
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wear is the kicktail. Plank boards feature a kicktail made of 95-D shore urethane called the VK-Z which is not only durable but is also adjustable and replaceable. Vertical Kicks, Inc., claims that this not only protects the wood board but also offers the rider increased control of his skate.

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Bob Biniak

by JOHN SMYTHE

Somebody once said something about walking softly and carrying a big stick, a statement which aptly describes Bob Biniak's position in the pantheon of skate notables. His reputation in the sport/art centers around his unparalleled aggression and continually unique moves on and in radical terrains. Coming from what is generally regarded as a hard core area (Dogtown), Biniak has always been recognized as one of the prime exponents of the region's uncompromising style. However, aside from his skating, Bob remains an enigma to the general public. He doesn't speak often and he doesn't say a lot; but when he does, people listen 'cause he's known to back up what he says to the hilt. This interview was conducted in between his morning round of golf at the Rivera Country Club, a luncheon pool shoot at the Dog Bowl and Hustler's opening at Gazzori's on the Sunset Strip. Read on, 'cause this constitutes a rare insight into the thoughts of one of the leaders of skating's avant garde.

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How long have you been skating?

About six years . . . not too long.

What kind of skating are you into?

Mainly pools and banks, pipelines, skateparks . . . I'm not really into freestyle, just speed racing and parks, pools; just skating with my friends.

What are your favorite spots for skating?

Right now, the Dog Bowl and Skatopia and Upland Skate Park, and speed racing at the Highlands.

How do you think parks are keeping up with the direction of the sport?

Well, I think the whole sport is coming around to skateparks; that's what's gonna keep it goin', and right now there's a lot of (bad) parks and a lot of good ones; but they have to have the right skaters design 'em, 'cause they can't have a freestyle skater design a bowl park. It has to be someone that's into pool riding, or something like that, 'cause they build the bowls so they don't even work.

Which ones are you talking about?

Montebello. It's like Montebello compared to Upland, you know. They had bowl riders build Upland, and you can tell how much more radical it is than Montebello. Montebello's not functional.

What do you think about contests?

Well, people that come out to see 'em want to find a lot of excitement in it . . . the way they run 'em now, there's no excitement in them. They need to build ramps from the top of the stadium to the bottom to get people excited, 'cause now it's too drawn out, you know. They have so many delays in between that everyone gets bored and they don't want to come out. If you had a big 80-foot ramp in a contest, in an arena, you'd get a lot more excitement; you could have speed runs, giant slalom.

You mentioned contests as being dull . . .

You can take Long Beach, for instance. They run a slalom on flat ground. They have a ramp drop

about ten feet onto flat ground; no one gets excited off that. Like I was saying, if they had a big, giant ramp from the top of the arena to the bottom, it would bring out a lot more excitement. And as far as the surface goes, it's totally (bad). It's all slippery, and it's not a well-put-together contest at all.

What's the best contest you've ever seen?

There haven't been too many. I'd say the La Costa contest in the summer.

What kind of equipment do you use?

Well, I just got done designing a 31" skateboard that's being manufactured by Logan Earth Ski. It's a laminate—seven layers—with a kick tail. And the trucks I like to use are mainly Tracker's, ranging from Half-Tracks to full Tracks, depending on the terrain. Wheels—I'd have to say Park Riders, Power Flex, Emotions, and Tunnel Rocks—all depending on what you're doing.

Do you think using the proper equipment is important?

Oh definitely. The equipment makes the whole difference. You couldn't go out and ride a (bad) board and expect to win a contest or anything. You have to have the best equipment to win.

When you're just doing your everyday skating, say in a pool, what are your parameters for excellence?

Quarter-edgers and axle-scrappers and frontsides; just anything that comes into my mind. Go for what you know.

Who are your favorite pool riders, and why?

I'd have to say that Tony Alva and Paul Constantineau have to be my two favorites: Tony really pushes you a lot, and he's real aggressive and radical; Paul just gets insane maneuvers that blow your mind.

What do you think of the alleged animosities between Down South and what they call Dogtown?

Well, lately it seems to have slacked off. I don't even know if there's any friction left. Even though I still think we should have a bowl-riding contest; it would help

Elevating B.B. potentials, "... the equipment makes the whole difference." Photo: Glen Friedman.





They say the line between the genius and the insane is extremely fine. Biniak riding the razor's edge. Photo: C. R. Stecyk III

everyone's publicity out since there was so much friction. Now it seems like we're not even gonna have a contest, but we should.

What areas can you see as potential power pockets?

The most upcoming has to be Boulder, Colorado. It seems to me they're getting bolder every day. San Diego will always be there with freestylers, but you can never forget the D.T. boys.

What do you think of the media?

Well, all I can really say is some magazines are really good, and some are kind of political, and some are really bad.

What about movies?

I haven't seen one that I liked yet.

What do you think the best thing about skateboarding is?

Just having a few greenies, and goin' skatin' with my friends at our pools; and going to parks maybe once in a while, and going for speed runs.

What do you think of the manufacturers?

I think the more reputable, bigger manufacturers that are coming out with a good product are helping the sport a lot. It's the ones that are coming out with the dime-store cheap stuff—that people are getting hurt on—that's ruining the name of the sport.

What do you think the future of the sport is?

Like I said before, it's all coming around to skateparks, so it has to be bowl riding and pool riding. And it's gotta be something that gives the crowd excitement, 'cause that's what they want to see. I think speed racing and giant slalom are gonna take over, along with bowl riding.

You surf and you ski; how do you feel both these sports relate to skateboarding?

Well, skiing and skateboarding, to me, relate as big speed runs, as far as that goes; and surfing and skating, to me, it seems like when you're skating a pool, it's almost like surfing. It relates because of the climbing and dropping, and the weightless sensations of verticalness.

You play golf; how does that

relate?

The only way that I can really say that that relates is all in concentration, because golf takes a lot of concentration.

What do you think about interviews?

I really don't think about 'em, so that's why I don't know how this is gonna turn out.

What's the thing that (bothers) you the most today in skateboarding?

Like in slalom racing when the timing lights aren't together, and it ruins your run; it can ruin the whole contest for you.

Being a professional skater, what stokes you about it?

You get to travel around a lot, meet a lot of new people, and just have a whole lot of fun.

How do you feel the ability level of the sport is doing today?

It's slowed down a little, but it's still growing every day, more and more.

When did you first get into speed racing?

It all started about two-and-a-half years ago when just me and a few of my friends used to flash down these hills right close to our house in the middle of the night when no cars were around.

Do you do a lot of speed runs?

Yeah, I do. The funny thing about it is, I do 'em like at 12 o'clock at night when there's no one around. And I'm not into machines; I use my own model, and full leathers and helmet, and everything, and that's how I get my practice.

Do you see a lot of potential in speed contests?

Sure, of course, 'cause there's a lot of excitement in it, and people really love to see people going 50-60 miles an hour down a hill.

Who do you think the major competition is in speed racing today?

I'd have to say Chuy Madrigal in the straight runs, and for the canyon-type runs and for the canyon-type racing it would have to be Tony Alva.

I've heard a lot about your Dogtown training program. Would you care to go into that?

Sure. A lot of people seem to think

Biniak's mastery of the upper pipe quadrants is bordering on legend.

that D.T. boys are just partying radicals, but actually we're professional athletes with a full training program. See, we get up every morning at six o'clock, and jog on down to Gold's Gym, pump iron for about an hour and a half, then after that, we go for a run to the top of Topanga Canyon and back. It's really good for your stamina, and it really builds up your endurance on the high-altitude climb up Topanga. The beach part of the run builds up those calves and ankles. And then it's off to three or four hours of skating. After that, it's off to the Health Club for a swim, steam bath and good rubdown. Then we have the evening meal. We always set a full training table. I think proper training and conditioning is what separates the men from the boys. Why do you think Bruce Logan's been on the top for so long? It's entirely due to his strenuous workout schedule.

You mentioned diet; do you maintain a strict dietary program?

Of course I do. First off, I take 37 vitamin and protein compounds a day. I usually have steak and eggs for breakfast, followed by sliced organic tomatoes and cottage cheese for lunch, along with a half-gallon of milk. A lot of people forget that milk has something for everybody. For dinner, I like 12 raw eggs, brown ones, with milk. I know this diet works because I got it from Arnold Schwarznager. I ingest only the highest quality substances, because my energy depends on it.

What advice do you have for aspiring pro skaters?

All I can say is just be like Baby Paul; he has a full workout schedule, and gets good grades in school.

What about your celebrated Dogtown night life?

It's great, but we can only do that during the off-season.

Equipment-wise, what do you think the most revolutionary breakthrough in skateboarding has been in the last few years?

I'd have to say it's been the development of Tracker Trucks, along with all the new wheels.

You mentined the Dog Bowl as

being your favorite pool. Why don't you describe it?

It's 9' deep, and it's really wide so you can carve both sides; it's about 30' wide. It has about 6' of transition coming into 3' of vertical, with a nice, long, shallow end for pushing; you can go either way because it's such a wide bowl.

What is your conception of the ultimate skatepark terrain?

I'd say it would have to be about a 25' pipe on a slight down-hill for about maybe a half-mile that opened up into a half-pipe that was say 17' deep and that went for a quarter-mile, then at the end when you got done riding, you could get on something sort of like a ski lift, and it'd take you back up to the top. Also, I'd like to add that on that half-pipe you need coping, because those rounded skatepark tops are not very functional. And for bowl riding, I'd like to see three or four different bowls, each having their own shape, with a semi-half-pipe running into a vertical half-pipe. This is like two banks facing each other, running into them, with a lot of vertical. I'd like to have one perfectly round, one oval one, and sort of a kidney-shaped one . . . one kidney one way, and one kidney the other way, so any rider could ride 'em.

Are these bowls in conjunction with each other; are they connected?

No, they're separate . . . separate runs. You can't have bowls put together. They've each got to be in their separate area, because they wouldn't work if they were together.

What about coping?

Oh, yeah, I wouldn't want any tiles, but you do need coping on them, because a rounded top, like I said before, does not work.

What size wall do you prefer in bowls?

Ten to fourteen feet.

How wide?

Thirty-feet wide, I'd say, is about the best width, so you can go back and forth without any trouble, plus you could also carve around 'em.

What is the most radical thing you've ever seen?


I'd have to say that would be Tony

Concentrating toward maximum effectiveness in the desert pipes.



*Carving with characteristic confidence.
Photo: Glen Friedman.*





Alva doing frontside airborners at our hometown pool . . . rail-grabbing frontside airborners.

What's the most radical thing you've ever done?

Upside-down sliders in the Upland Pipe.

Are there any radical things you'd like to do in the future?

Yeah, I'd like to shoot a 63 at the Riviera Country Club; that'd be great.

With your overall concern for general conditioning, what's your attitude towards safety equipment?

Well, one thing that I really like that they just came out with would have to be Rector shorts, because they have a lot of hip-pad protection, and I also like elbow pads and gloves, but I do not like knee pads, because they restrain my leg movements.

What about helmets and leathers?

Helmets, yes; I think they're a necessity in skating vertical terrain.

What about for speed runs?

For speed runs, I like to wear full ABC leathers, and I like those downhill ski racing helmets with the fairing in the back that they use for world record speed attempts.

What do you think about mandatory restrictions regarding safety equipment in skateparks?

I think it's good for a lot of little kids and stuff, but they should have special dates set aside where pros could ride without it.

As a professional skater, are you conscious of your public image?

Yes, I'm very conscious of my public image. You have to be, because you're in a position of leadership, and a lot of people don't seem to want to take their responsibility seriously. You know, some guys will go out and do anything for money. I saw this one commercial where a pro-level skater was doing a handstand without any safety gear on. Now just because of that one action, a lot of young skaters will get the idea that they don't have to wear safety gear. Of course, this same skater thought nothing of bragging in the L.A. Times about how much money he makes. I

guess it's all a question of attitude.

What's the most inspirational thing you've ever heard of skaters doing?

Well, my friend Skip Engblom and a friend Vic Moreno drove into the Long Bar Saloon in Tijuana in a '49 Grey Ghost Cadillac on Mexican Independence Day for a six-pack.

What's your favorite Mexican restaurant, and why?

Well, that was my favorite Mexican restaurant. It has to be Mr. Don Pancho's down in Mexico, 'cause they have the best quesadillas I ever tasted. I only threw up once.

Is there anything in skateboarding today you'd like to see cleaned up?

Yes, the political manipulations in contest results.

Is there any one direction that you think the skateboard organizations should be working in today?

Sure, since L.A. has won the bid for the 1984 Olympics, I think that all the skate manufacturers, the magazines, and the associations should get together in one concentrated effort to get skateboarding recognized as an amateur sport and into those 1984 Summer Olympics. Since the interest is already there on an international level, it's just a matter of organization to get admitted as a host country sport. The admission would lead to skateboarding finally receiving the serious recognition it deserves as a sport, plus the international media coverage would be overwhelming.

Who do you think the upcoming individual talents are gonna be?

It would have to be Derek Von Breezin from Boulder, Colorado, and "Billy," the newest thing yet in Dogtown.

What are your future plans?

In the next couple of months, I'll be going on a world tour, and I'd like to break the world speed record on a standup skateboard. And for right now, I think I'll go to the Chart House for a lobster dinner and a few Mai Tai's with the boys. ☺



A member in good standing of the no b.s. school of skating.

SKATE PARKS: PART XIV

by Brian Gillogly



The Endless Wave's two snake runs draw high praise for smooth transitions and surfaces. Photos: Cassimus

THE ENDLESS WAVE, Bakersfield, California

Gary Doane, one of the owners of the Endless Wave, a new park two hours north of L.A. in Bakersfield, describes the 34,000 square feet of skateable concrete as "challenging, but within the realms of sanity." That characterization sits well with riders the likes of Jerry Valdez, Marc Smith and Kent Senator, who, by all accounts, have nonetheless managed to rip the park insanely; in particular the 22'-diameter concrete pool. At this writing, "grinding and chemical etching" is taking care of some rough spots of that bowl's walls and coping, placing it—some



Chief critic turned-consultant, Jerry Valdez, thoroughly—and wholeheartedly—examining the unique cement coping.

say—in contention with Spring Valley's favorite basin for quality of design and construction. Definitely a heavy compliment.

Why concrete rather than gunite for the pool? Gary, whose partners have built a reported "30,000 swimming pools as sub-contractors," simply explains: "Gunite just isn't strong enough . . . You can't uniformly apply gunite and get even strength." That construction group has, on the other hand, also worked extensively with concrete, in fact, acting as a sub-contractor on a number of popular skateparks, including Reseda Skater-Cross, Buena Park's Skatopia and Reno's Flow Motion Skatepark. Consid-



*David Ferry, cooking in Bakersfield. Photos:
Jim Cassimus*

*The Wave's tight half-pipe was designed to
be "fully challenging."*



ering their apparent expertise, who's to argue?

Despite admittedly "botching" those few parts of the pool, the Wave's original concrete work is otherwise high quality. Stacy Peralta confirms Gary's assessment of "smooth, even transitions in the two snake runs" (300' and 225'), attributable also to their original shaping. The layout likewise offers: an 80' by 40' free-style area with 3½' banks; a cloverleaf with bowls of varying depths (8½', 7' and 6') and steep ridges in between; a 50' slalom on a 10% grade (in other words dropping 5 feet); and a fairly tight 100-foot-long channel which is a cross between a half-pipe and a U-shaped run.

Of the last run, says Gary: "You have to work harder in the pipe . . . only the good skaters get to the top." Still, because as Stacy points out, it's difficult to hit one-wheelers on *both* sides, the upcoming sister facility in Oxnard will provide a "bigger, rounder" half-pipe. Val Surf lent out Jerry and Marc to help supervise construction ("They're on the spot with shovels," reported Val's Mark Richards last September) and assure enough diverse quality to satisfy the high caliber of skaters in the Ventura-Oxnard area.

"There's got to be a lot more thought going into new parks," Gary asserts. The Bakersfield facility certainly lives up to that advice.

Kent Senatoure, precarious one-wheel carve.

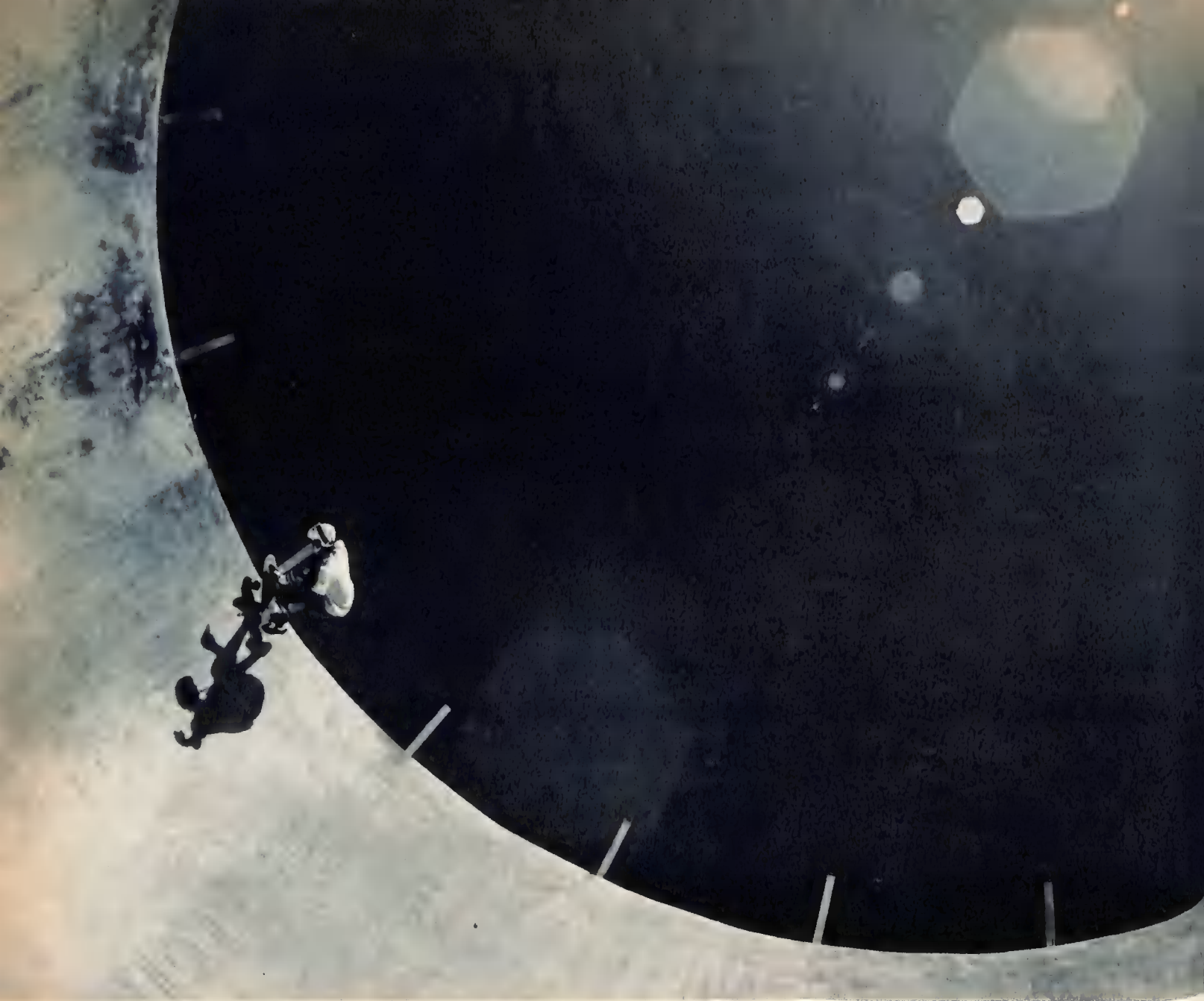


Kent Senatoure rocketing into a tail-tap off the top of the 9-foot-deep channel.



A deeper version of Skatopia's cloverleaf.





THE RUNWAY, Gardena, California

The much delayed Runway has finally begun to take its final form on its site across from the Goodyear launching pad in Gardena, California. Stacy Peralta, a recent visitor, suggests that the facility should actually be called "Mammoth" for its imposing proportions, encompassing six generally large separate areas. The "Pool Bowl," for example, is a 42' by 17' keyhole, though showing only a small amount of vertical. ("We're worried about insurance," explains on-site designer Randy Clark.) The U-shaped "Half-Pipe," on the other hand, is 22' across and 13' deep, and filters into a 430-foot-long "Channel." The layout also takes in: two similar serpentine but with left- and right-hand bowls, respectively; a large freestyle area surrounded by banks of varying sizes and shapes; and an adjoining, small "Warmup Snake Run."

Another perspective on the Runway's huge main bowl—a sign of big things to come in new parks. Schneider riding.

Gregg Ayres using apron and smooth edges of one of the serpentine's bands for a characteristically classy, top slide reentry.



Photos: Cassimus

Pipe and pool connoisseur, Doug Schneider, getting a full taste of Carson's 17-foot-deep "Pool Bowl."



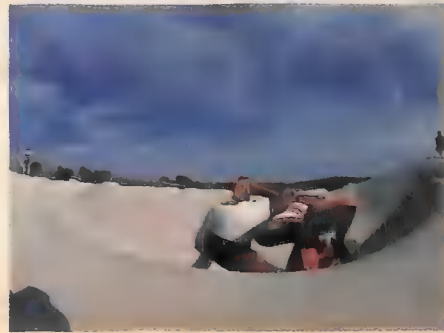


SPARKS/ CARLSBAD, California

John O'Malley and Jack Graham, who together brought us two of skateboarding's most thoughtfully designed parks, the Carlsbad beginner's area and the Concrete Wave, push forward once more with something John's calling "a monolithic ski form adapted to skateboarding." More simplistically named the "Mogul Maze," this moonscape-like sculpture is the first new section to be previewed in the Carlsbad advanced area, which will eventually also include a "Contest Bowl" of three interlocking basins, and an "Infinity Bowl." The latter is described as a "large, deep triangular bowl with an island in the center . . . like an endless pipe designed for safe but exciting carving and kick turning." In total, the enlarged facility, which was recently renamed "Sparks/Carlsbad," will cover 15 acres; in effect, doubling the park's capacity to "over 1,000 (skaters) per day." When the runs and "village" (concession stands and pro shop) are completed sometime this fall, it will represent the fulfillment of a longtime dream for John, first and foremost among skatepark visionaries.

Dean Skipper playing the varied angles of the Carlsbad Mogul Maze. Photos: Bolster

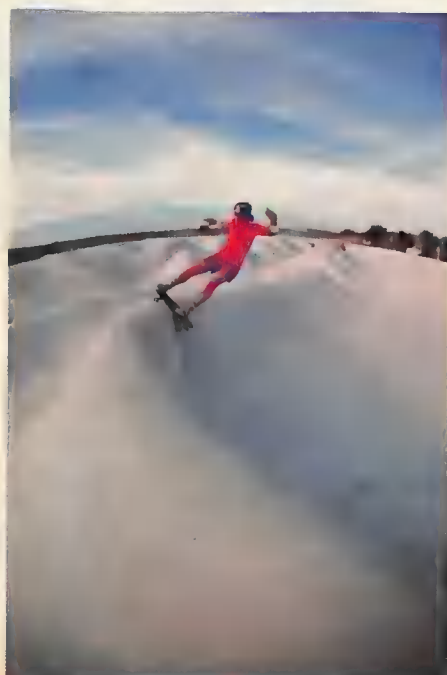
Vince Klyne displaying the dynamics of a full commitment turn on the crest of a mogul bowl. Note delayed reaction of the upper torso, and complete edge transfer of wheels.





Wentzle Ruml taking on one of the larger mogul area banks. Photos: Bolster

A study in technique. Dean Skipper wood sliding a mogul bowl's overhanging lip.

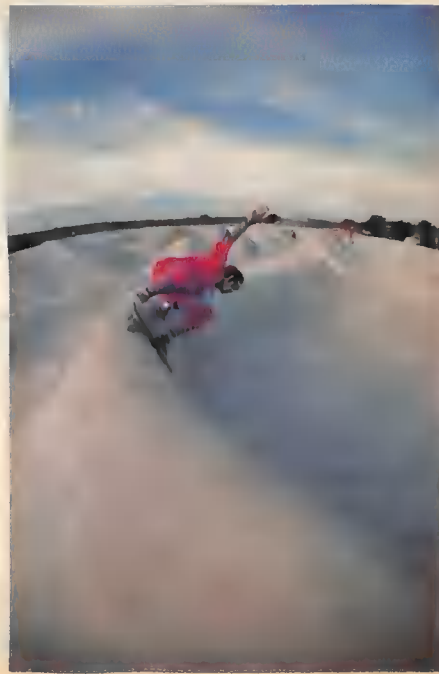




Vince Klyne. Sunset on the Carlsbad moon-
scape.



Motocross in the Mogul Maze. Jeff Grismer,
son of the Carlsbad Raceway owner and a
standout in his own right, kickturning the
concrete mounds.



SKATEBOARD HEAVEN, Spring Valley, California

"You have to skate to build a park right," so says Steve Cathey, resident pro at the new Spring Valley facility, Skateboard Heaven. Evidently Steve's advice—as with that of other members of the G & S team—was well taken, since of late, this San Diego County park has become a mecca for some of Southern California's most fervent skatepark pilgrims—especially those who are partial to perfect keyhole pools. Round and fast, with tiles and slight coping, Spring Valley's offering



Overview of Spring Valley's deep cloverleaf.

is often regarded as the best in-park pool to date:

"It's perfect!"—Gregg Ayers

"The first real pool for skating."—Stacy Peralta

A conspicuous sign off to the side of the bowl reads, "Pool by Neptune," and the smooth, blue plaster finish within supports that statement. The pool is, in fact, a close descendant of S.D.'s once heavily ridden Soul Bowl, featuring similar design and conventional gunite-plaster construction. The creation of Soul Bowl #2,

as it has been named, was therefore a logical move for the park's owners, Craig and Lenita Colburn. Explains Craig, "All the local skaters mourned the passing on of the Soul Bowl."

Besides the smooth transitions of the 22'-diameter by 10'-deep bowl, the design also provides skateable matching coves in the shallow end. Somewhat surprisingly, corner love seats were likewise included for "variety," as Steve puts it. However, more obviously functional is the barely overhanging coping, which Steve went all the way to L.A. to track down. "It allows a lot of moves . . . fly-



Looking on freestyle deck toward pool.

aways, quarter-wheelers," says Steve, "you have less hangup, but still that coping feel."

Of course, being a keyhole design, the pool is bidirectional (it may be easily approached from the right or left), a favorable aspect which it shares in common with the other runs. The 240-foot-long snake run, for instance, may be entered from either end, in both cases feeding the rider into a steep-banked first turn (thus, there are two such banks) with a negotiable overhanging lip. Steve, a sometime



Tom Inouye kicks up, out and—radically—back in, showing the distinct versatility of Spring Valley's slight coping.

Once again, Tom using speed, precise aim and amazing balance, to catch the long concentric line along the rim of Soul Bowl #2.

Photos: Bolster

*This classic keyhole pool will inevitably turn
park design perspectives upside-down.
Chris Strople.*





Tom Inouye, spread eagle coping flight.

surfer, likens the form to a bowling wave. The right entry/exit point, in fact, has a 10-foot-diameter by 25-foot-long cement tube, conceivably bolstering that surf sensation.

Other runs include: an 8'-9'-deep, four-leaf clover design with vertical, and sharp edges; an 80' by 30' reservoir with a terrace halfway down one side; a beginner's run emptying into a 20'-diameter bowl with rounded edges (reportedly, good for lip slides); a small freestyle deck; and a 9-foot-deep keyhole bowl (also called the "Massage pool" after another of S.D.'s once favorite spots).

Incorporating under the title of Skateparks of the Future, the Colburns are planning to build other parks for themselves and outside groups. The construction of their next personal project is scheduled to begin before the end of the year in Clairemont, with a third facility to be followed in Poway (both S.D. County).

In the meantime, skaters can get a hint of what's in store by visiting Skateboard Heaven. If you're worried about overcrowding, word is that all the runs are sufficiently rideable, even during popular night sessions when the crowds tend to "even out." Of course, there's *always* skaters in the pool.



Tom experiencing the esoteric pleasures of centrifugal compression—in perfect orbit—at Spring Valley. Photos: Bolster



Another isolated bowl, the shotcrete key-hole-shaped "massage pool," is a less intense version of the main pool.

OTHER NEW AND UPCOMING PARKS

CORAL WAVE. Bob Rudnick and Ed Maxwell of Land Surfing International recently announced plans "to construct the finest, most challenging park in all of South Florida." To be located in Dade County, the facility will reportedly be well geared to competition, with an electrically timed 100-meter dual slalom and "over 14,000 square feet of free-style areas." Also featured will be a 420-foot-long "S" track, cascades, mogul mazes, bowls and "a spectacular, tri-laned 'water toboggan.'" An early 1978 opening is planned.

EARTHIN SURFIN. Billed as "Florida's safest and most diversified park," this St. Petersburg facility provides beginners through expert level runs among its five separate areas. Good separation between the runs gives a feeling of expansiveness, with straightaways, bowls and bends cutting through grassy lawns (not astro-turf!).

EARTH WAVE SKATE PARKS. North, South and West St. Louis County will each have its own skatepark by next fall, if all goes well for this St. Louis-based investment group. In part their proposal reads: "Each park will offer skaters a range of runs from beginner to advanced plus freestyle, vertical and half-pipe specialty areas."

SKATEPARK SOQUEL. A previous report in SKATEBOARDER (Vol. 4, No. 3) stated incorrectly that Ed da Roza and Steven Hout's new two-acre park five miles south of Santa Cruz in Soquel, would feature "two asphalt-covered runs." To set the record straight, Ed first of all states that "parks should never be of asphalt." Their facility, in reality, has five skating areas, all of which were surfaced in shotcrete. Included therein are: "two esses emptying into two 14' bowls; a 27' wide, 12' deep half-pipe with 5' of vertical on each side; a combination mogul field and reservoir (9' deep, 4' of vertical); and a combination freestyle and beginners area with banked walls and 2' of vertical." As with his \$200 backyard park effort (Vol. 3, No. 6), Ed has once more managed to keep construction costs down to a minimum—\$65,000—by ingeniously performing most of the work himself. Evidently, his surfing, skating and, of course, building background didn't hurt either.

FOCUS



BOWL PIROUETTE

Ty Page's lightning speed frozen for inspection. Photo: Bolster



PRESSING THE PERIPHERIES
*Chris Strople sole-fully circum-navigating
Spring Valley. Photo: Bolster*





SkateBoarder
PRISMATIC DAM DANCE
Doug Schneider in a dam's 30' run-off pipe,
finding the rhythm, increasing the beat.
Photo: Jim Cassimus





"YOU CAN GET IT IF YOU REALLY WANT"
Darren Ho making the most of a "verticals" situation. Photo: Darrell Kau.

KICKING OUT THE JAMS

Hawaiian Darren Ho, reflecting the best of his Santa Monica cohorts, and a loose and confident Adams-like flare. Photo: Darrell Kau.

THE ROCK ISLAND LINE

Roy Jamieson erupting on the volcanic "verticals," Hawaiian-style. Photo: Darrell Kau.



SUSPENDED FROM AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING

A (soon to be expelled) human fly, David Hackett, applying radical slides and strokes to ■ schoolyard's bank-vertical-bank transitions. Photos: Bolster.



A.W.O.L.

David Hackett using suspension tactics to max advantage for this souped-up getaway over the wall. Photo: Jim Goodrich.



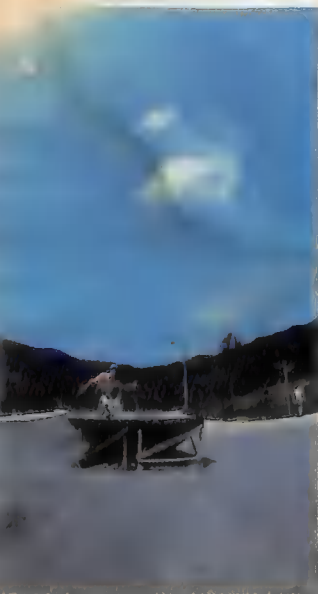


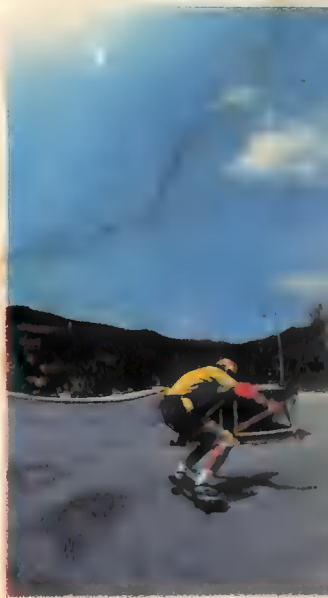
THE HELICOPTER . . . SUSPENDING TIME WITH STYLE

David Hackett, a visual progress flash on the rapid advancement of the gravity arts.

REVOLUTION IN THE STREETS

David Hackett providing historically significant aerial evidence. Sequences: Bolster.







LOOKING UP TO GETTING DOWN

Paul Hackett, thoroughly committed through the weightless, partially blind phase. Sequences: Bolster.

"NO EASY WAY TO BE FREE."

Jimmy Allard casually attempting a helicopter off the taller (5') ramp.






THE PEPSI RAMP PERSPECTIVE:



Cultivating Positive Public Reflection on the State of the Art

A dramatic low-angle shot of a skateboarder in mid-air, silhouetted against a bright sunset. The skateboarder is positioned in front of a tall, dark, vertical half-pipe ramp. The sun is a brilliant orange-red disk partially obscured by the ramp, creating a strong lens flare. The sky is a deep blue. The ramp has a series of dark, pointed structures along its top edge.

Pepsi Team member, Paul Hoffman, inspects the new vertically extended half-pipe. Photo: Bolster.

by Brian Gillogly

The original Pepsi ramp—a portable half-pipe constructed of 2 by 4's, plywood and plexiglass—had finally “broken down” after a spring of hard riding at major L.A. demos, and what Pepsi had in mind was a new ramp “as strong as a fort.” Once again, their liaison to the skate community, John Baron (of Imperial Century/Rainbow Skateboards in San Diego), went beyond the call of duty. By late summer, John came up with not one but two such ramps: a 20-foot-diameter, 8-foot-wide half-pipe with 5½ feet of extended vertical; and a similar diameter and width full tube.

Formed of polycarbonate (“similar to plexiglass but stronger”) and plywood, the new half-pipe is buttressed with 2 by 2's and 2 by 4's and is designed so that the vertical arms can fold down for easy transport. In all, the structure weighs in at a hefty 4,500 pounds (excluding its 2,800-pound “special trailer”).



For distractions through his consistently sootied plexiglass, Tom Branch attacks, flexing vertical thighs: a sticky situation resulting from the temporarily elevated position on the trailer. (Note the wheel grooves for additional grip—a slalom racer's design is implied.)



The Pepsi 100 returns. Paul Newman, possibly driving in a different edition of the 100 Miles.



The intensity and gracefulness of the dance as revealed publicly via the Pepsi Team. Unlike most sports where the spectator has, at best, a distant, more removed view, we at SKATEBOARDER foresee a time in the near future where plexiglass in parks and ramps will provide a safe, yet personal, in-

spection of the art. Ideally in a film—by set up not unlike an aquarium, with the action and vibrations safely removed, yet only three-quarters of an inch away. Gregg Weaver (above) and Gregg Ayres (below), up close and in person. Photos: Bolster.







1987 Stuntman on the wall. Photo: Holter.



Something for everyone: A smaller driveway-sized ramp with the fiberglass pipe backdrop. Weaver applies some surf strokes.



Wally's Pipe Fitting Service



The full pipe, on the other hand, consists of nine 360-pound sections, which can be utilized either as a complete or partial unit (for example, the five lower sections can be bolted together to form slightly more than a half-tube). Materials also differ from that of the half-pipe, which in this case employs 2 by 6's, 2 by 4's, plywood and fiberglass. John explains that fiberglass is preferable to polycarbonate or plexiglass, in that it allows good control over surface texture.

Although most experienced skaters refer to these two ramps as "among the best," they've ever ridden (undoubtedly the very best, if not the only ones, in the portable class); certain flaws are noticed. For instance, in reference to the slickness of the half-pipe's polycarbonate side walls, Tom Inouye says: "You can't go full-on until you get used to it." Pepsi Team rider Gregg Ayres further explains: "Every time you turn at the top your wheels slip out some, making it hard to come straight down." The consequences of cutting too wide an arc at the top of an 8-foot-wide ramp can, of course, be considerable, especially if, as in the case of the accompanying photo session, the ramp is already loaded on the back of the trailer.

It was for that reason that John eventually installed clear polypropylene nets along the sides of the half-pipe. Gregg, however, suggests that ideally, two such ramps could be placed side by side, making for some uninhibited sliding.

John intends to remedy these and other problems by modifying designs and going exclusively with lexan (a versatile plastic), fiberglass and steel construction for the next generation of ramps to be built by the end of the year. Those half-pipes, pipes, etc., will be used in an upcoming Pepsi National Invitational Contest and during half time shows at major sporting events. Eventually, similar portable ramps will be marketed by Imperial Century under the name "Fiberpark."

Says John: "It's ideal where you need an exciting show . . . a good perspective on the skaters." Ideal too, for those who think high. ☺

Picture window with a view.



— a good perspective on the skaters
Pepsi person Paul Holman feeling free.
Photos: Bolster.



A predominate example of the, as yet to be fully measured, Badlands area talent.

Skillfully negotiating a wood-on-wood direction correction.

Using two sticks to get things cookin'.
Photos: Cassimus.





LEE GAHIMER

18 years old, rides for Sims

"I used to practically live at the L-pool," said a pensive Lee Gahimer, Montclair, California's own skate phenomenon. "That's where I really got acquainted with skating bowls. There was every type of wall in there you could ever imagine. I learned how to carve there . . . and kick turn . . . and those Cess-slides. Now that it's filled in, I really miss that place."

One might hazard a guess that, despite the fond memory, Lee has adjusted well to the loss of one of Southern California's best flat-wall pools, just as he has undoubtedly profited from his experience there. Like former L-pool locals Tay Hunt and Buddy Allred, and quasi-locals Gregg Ayres and Kevin Anderson, Lee simply redirected much of his energies to the Upland Pipeline Skatepark (the opening of which mysteriously coincided with the L-pool's burial) only a few miles away. Lee, in fact, moped to the park most every day, serving on skate patrol and as a frequent stoke for aspiring locals and interested spectators. It's all in a day's work—well, maybe that's *play*—for Lee.

But even if Lee enjoys his present setup, he's not one to start cruising. In a single run during a recent Upland session, for instance, Lee casually pulled off three successful jumps from the pipe (a la Inouye), taking it higher each time. Another turn found him hitting a series of perfect tail-taps in the 13-foot bowl, then climaxing in an incredibly long lip slide that only looked lucky.

Despite such surprises, however, there is much that is obvious in Lee's skating. His versatility is dictated by a conscious creative philosophy: "I try to learn every move I can. If you learn one move, there's a possibility you can take it into another." His already noted aggressiveness is likewise self-realized: "I amp . . . get excited when I skate." And yet, Lee's attack is at the same time very deliberate, a trait which may well separate him from the pack, and points toward a classically "positive" frame of mind.

"I think there aren't many moves that can't be done," Lee asserts. "Think about

what you're going to do first, how you're going to do it, and then just apply it." For example, he cites a unique bowl slide he's working on where "I go up and hit a vertical lip at speed, just sliding on the center of my board (no wheels touching) for about six feet before dropping back in." Says an as yet unsuccessful, though undaunted, Lee, "I know I can do it!"

Lee is almost equally enthused about going back to his skateboarding roots and getting "reacquainted with free-style," as was prompted by his recent selection for membership on the Pepsi team. In between that and work at the Pipeline, he manages some surfing (Lee lives 35 miles from the beach) and periodic excursions to other Southern California parks with Tom Sims and fellow team members.

Although for park riding Lee prefers a 31-inch top of his own design, Sims boards do fit his criteria in other types of terrain. Midtracks and German bearings usually serve as standard equipment on those boards, as do Sims Comp 2" Wheels, about which he is particularly impressed: "I don't think there's a wheel that can touch a Sims. They're the fastest wheels I've ever ridden, and I've ridden quit a few."

Lee also bears a strong allegiance to the Pipeline park, especially inasmuch as it has become *the* showcase for local "Badland" talent. "I'm finally glad to see that some of the people that are in 'the sticks'—that don't live right on the beach—are starting to get noticed. The radical moves I see in SKATEBOARDER—who's to know who did them first—all I know is that they've been doing them out here for two years. The talent's definitely out here. It just took this park, I guess."

But Lee goes on to speculate that this may only be the beginning; that because of the park and the nature of the area, the skateboard community will be seeing much more of the "hot little Badland squirts." "They're starting to get picked up on teams now," he explains. "It's not like the beach where many skaters divide their time between both surfing and skateboarding. I think this area could actually produce better skateboarders . . . because," he adds in a dubious tone, "there's nothing else to do out here *but skate!*"

BRIAN GILLOGLY



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"... at skateparks, he likes to give the people a good show." Tail-tapping at Skateboard World, Torrance. Photo: Guy Motil.

"Smooth, yet forceful." A clenched fist emphasizes the latter; reputation the former. Photo: Glen Friedman.



SHOGO KUBO

18 Years old—Rides for Z-Flex Skateboards

Shogo Kubo may be fun loving, but he takes his skating seriously; he's punctual and has a no-nonsense attitude about everything he does.

Shogo was born in the southernmost part of Japan, in Kagoshima City. Growing up in the Orient has given him an entirely different attitude about most things that we all take for granted; like being able to communicate. When he came to this country, he did not speak English. At school his peer group made fun of him and thought he was slow; the first word he learned in English was "stupid." He now speaks two languages fluently, has adapted with total ease to the informal lifestyle of Southern California, and still manages to retain the moral values of his traditional Oriental upbringing. He is reluctant, to the point of being taciturn, to speak of his own accomplishments, but is not hesitant to extoll those of his friends.

Shogo's endeavors are as multifaceted as his personality; always active in sports, he played soccer in Japan for four years, and in America he accepted football, basketball, gymnastics and surfing readily as his own forms of self-expression. It was only by coincidence that his first introduction to skateboarding was at his judo doko. One of the students used to skate before and after class, and the whole rhythm and movement intrigued Shogo enough that he got to know Jay Adams, and tried using his board. The moves came easily to him; he has a fine sense of balance derived from his varied athletic background and, most important of all, judo has taught him the proper art of falling. The banks (upon which he learned the finer aspects of skateboarding) could not intimidate him. He takes an aggressive approach towards skating, but does it in a subtle manner. At skateparks he likes to give the people a good show, but he really prefers the free and easy, plush lands of West Los Angeles and Santa Monica, just skating with his many friends.

His favorite spot was the now defunct Keyhole. Upland, Reseda, Skatopia and

*"... being high on the wall is a full-on rush."
Skateboard World, Torrance. Photo: Guy Motil.*

the more recent Dog Bowl have since become the terrain he travels most frequently. He rides a 30" Z-Flex equipped with Tracker Trucks and Tunnel Rocks or Power Flex Wheels. He has been working with Z-Flex on his own board design and testing prototypes. He likes to skate to the music of Jimi Hendrix, explaining that Hendrix was ten years ahead of his time, an innovator, completely original and unparalleled. Nugent and the Zep provide variety to his musical tastes.

Shogo has always been a spectator of a varied amount of sports events. O. J. Simpson is one of his favorite athletes, and he finds the boxing matches amusing. He has always enjoyed watching skateboard freestyle, admiring the gracefulness of the girls, Paul Hoffman's agile ability, and the fluid moves of Russ Howell. He had been into competition when he was on the fabled Zephyr Team, but felt that freestyle was too confining for him. He says that the whole contest scene deprived him of time that could be more freely spent elsewhere. Shogo prefers walls! He says that when contests are held in bowls, he will again compete. His style is smooth, yet forceful. When asked if he practices to maintain this appearance, he replied, "No, when I am in a bowl, I just have to go for it; it is not a routine that can be practiced, as only the first move can be planned." He explained further that each successive move depends upon the manner in which the preceding move is completed. If his foot should come off the board, an improvised slide down the face of the wall can save the whole performance. He rarely falls.

"Being high on the wall is a full-on rush, its like surfing—only more intense." Frontside axle grinds, one-wheelers on the coping, and two wheels out carving are his favorite maneuvers. He considers the frontside airborne the most difficult of all bowl maneuvers. "Sometimes I think maybe all this is dangerous, but the moves come so fast it's hard to give that idea much thought."

His ambitions are not limited to excelling in skateboarding, but include becoming proficient upon the guitar he has been playing for over a year, and a trip to Japan where he would like to see how things have changed, what skateboarding and its parks are like there, and to see his mother.

PHIL LAINE





Wilson Fair . . . reflecting the best of the unknown Eastern potential.

A sequential 180 and rebound off the chain link. Gaithersburg's Free Style Skateboard Park.



WILSON FAIR

16 years old, unattached

It has the sound of a classic success story, or at least the makings of one, for a young Maryland skater named Wilson Fair.

In the beginning—just last year, that is—Wilson didn't even own a skateboard, and it didn't really matter since, at that time, not much skating went on in his Montgomery County neighborhood. And then a close friend, Michael Vincent, got a board, occasionally let Wilson ride it, and eventually passed it on when he moved up to a more deluxe model. Wilson was almost immediately hooked ("It came easy to me"), and for months he and Michael together terrorized local streets and sidewalks.

Chapter two might begin this year with the opening of Ron Wallace's Freestyle Skatepark in Gaithersburg, about a five-minute drive from Wilson's home. Having already developed considerable talent at slalom, freestyle (3rd in the Men's Division at the 1977 Cabin John Park Contest), and skateboard high jumping (he's presently clearing 4'5"), he then had his first taste of bank riding—and that was all it took. By late summer, Wilson was occa-



*Getting some air with power to spare.
Photos: Bolster.*

sionally traveling to Ocean City's Ocean Bowl, and other nearby facilities, and almost always riding the Freestyle Park evenings until closing time. Says Wilson, "If it wasn't for Mr. Wallace, this place would still be dry . . . I love that park!"

A third chapter in Wilson's relationship with the sport could very well deal with his determination and natural athletic ability. Accomplished at football, basketball, and track and field events (he holds the county high-jump record in his division), Wilson began studying every bank move in *SKATEBOARDER*, and applying his full creative energies daily at the park. His "unbelievable balance" came to the fore in such maneuvers as power slides, aeri-als and "rock slides" ("sort of like a quick end-over on the wall"). On *SKATEBOARDER*'s tour along parts of the East Coast last August, Tom Inouye was, in

fact, so impressed with Wilson's skating that he cut him loose on one of his personal boards.

Not surprisingly, that board—a 30-inch Sims taper-kick with Midtracks and Comp II's—is Wilson's current "favorite." Similarly predictable are his goals for the immediate future: "I want to go out to California so bad . . . maybe get on the Sims team."

The closing chapters, of course, are anybody's guess. One would assume, though, that some smart promoter looking for a rising star on the Eastern horizon will focus in on Wilson. Inasmuch as he is actively pushing himself toward a successful future in the sport, perhaps the *real* author of his story will likewise contribute to that end.

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FIRST ANNUAL SKATEBOARDER POLL

RULES:

Below are listed alphabetically the nominations for the First Annual SKATEBOARDER Poll of the world's best skateboarders. Voting is based on outstanding performance in 1977. The reader is urged not to make selections on personality or past performance, but on the basis of who skated best in 1977. Consider contest records as well as general skating performance throughout the year. The list of nominations was compiled by the top skaters and lists provided by the Associations. We feel that '77's best skaters are among the nominees. This is not to exclude a write-in if you genuinely feel his or her performance to be better than that of those listed. **NO SKATER MAY APPEAR ON YOUR BALLOT MORE THAN ONCE.** In other words, do not give first and second place, or more than one place, to the same skater OR YOUR TOTAL BALLOT WILL BE VOIDED. Naturally, in a list of this sort, there will be some skaters who might be considered borderline. There will also be others not on the list who could be considered borderline. The purpose of this SKATEBOARDER Poll is to select the top skateboarders for 1977.

Nominations for outstanding skateboarders in 1977:

MEN

Jay Adams	Darren Ho	Tom Ryan
Mike Aiken	Paul Hoffman	Doug "Pineapple"
Tony Alva	Russell Howell	Saladino
Kevin Anderson	John Hutson	Rodd Sanders
Huck Andress	Tom Inouye	Marty Schaub
Waldo Autry	Roy Jamieson	Steve Sherman
Gregg Ayres	Bob Jarvis	Steve Shipp
Brian Beardsley	Rodney Jesse	Denis Shufeldt
Bob Biniak	Torger Johnson	Doug Schneider
Rick Blackhart	Eddie Katz	Tom Sims
Mark Bowden	Vince Klyne	Bob Skoldberg
Mellow Cat	Shogo Kubo	Dale Smith
Steve Cathey	Arthur Lake	Marc Smith
Chris Chaput	Gordy Lieneman	Randy Smith
Craig Chaquico	Curt Lindgren	Chris Stroppe
Randy Clark	Brad Logan	Greg Taie
Paul Constantineau	Bruce Logan	Lonnie Toft
Paul Cullen	Bob Madrigal	Jerry Valdez
Dave Dillberg	Ernie Martin	Richard Vanderwyk
Eric Dressen	Dennis Martinez	Bruce Walker
Paul Engh	Jimmy McCaul	Gregg Weaver
Murray Estes	Conrad Miyoshi	Mike Weed
Pat Flanagan	Bob Mohr	Mike Williams
Fred Flavell	Steve Monahan	Woody Woodstock
Lee Gahimer	Jim Muir	Chris Yandall
Mike Goldman	Ed Nadalin	
Charlie Gonzales	Tony Nails	
Guy Grundy	Layne Oaks	
Russ Gusnell	Chris Owens	
David Hackett	Tom Padaca	
Paul Hackett	Ty Page	
Gunnar Haugo	Stacy Peralta	
Henry Hester	Bobby Piercy	
Skitch Hitchcock	Wentzle Ruml	

WOMEN

Robin Alaway
Ellen Berryman
Kathy Bomiesler
Kim Cespedes
Debbie Eldridge
Robin Logan
Becky Martinez

1977 BALLOT

Select 10 Men and 5 Women. No more than one place per individual skater. Make selection on basis of best performance in 1977. Use names of skateboarders nominated or write in.

Best Male Skateboarders in 1977

- 1.) _____
- 2.) _____
- 3.) _____
- 4.) _____
- 5.) _____
- 6.) _____
- 7.) _____
- 8.) _____
- 9.) _____
- 10.) _____

Best Female Skateboarders in 1977

- 1.) _____
- 2.) _____
- 3.) _____
- 4.) _____
- 5.) _____

Deadline for accepting ballots: February 15, 1978. Winners will be announced in the June SKATEBOARDER—on the newsstands May 20th.

Michelle Matta
Kim Milburn
Ellen Oneal
Jana Payne
Edie Robertson
Laura Thornhill
Desiree Von Essen
Rebecca Williams

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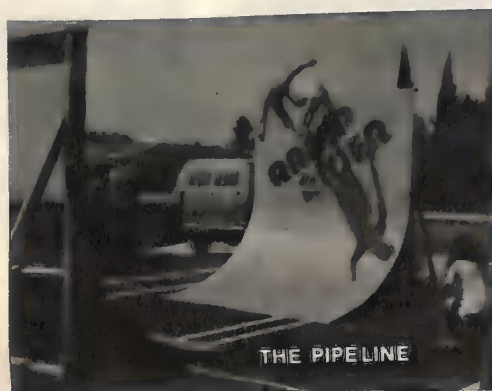
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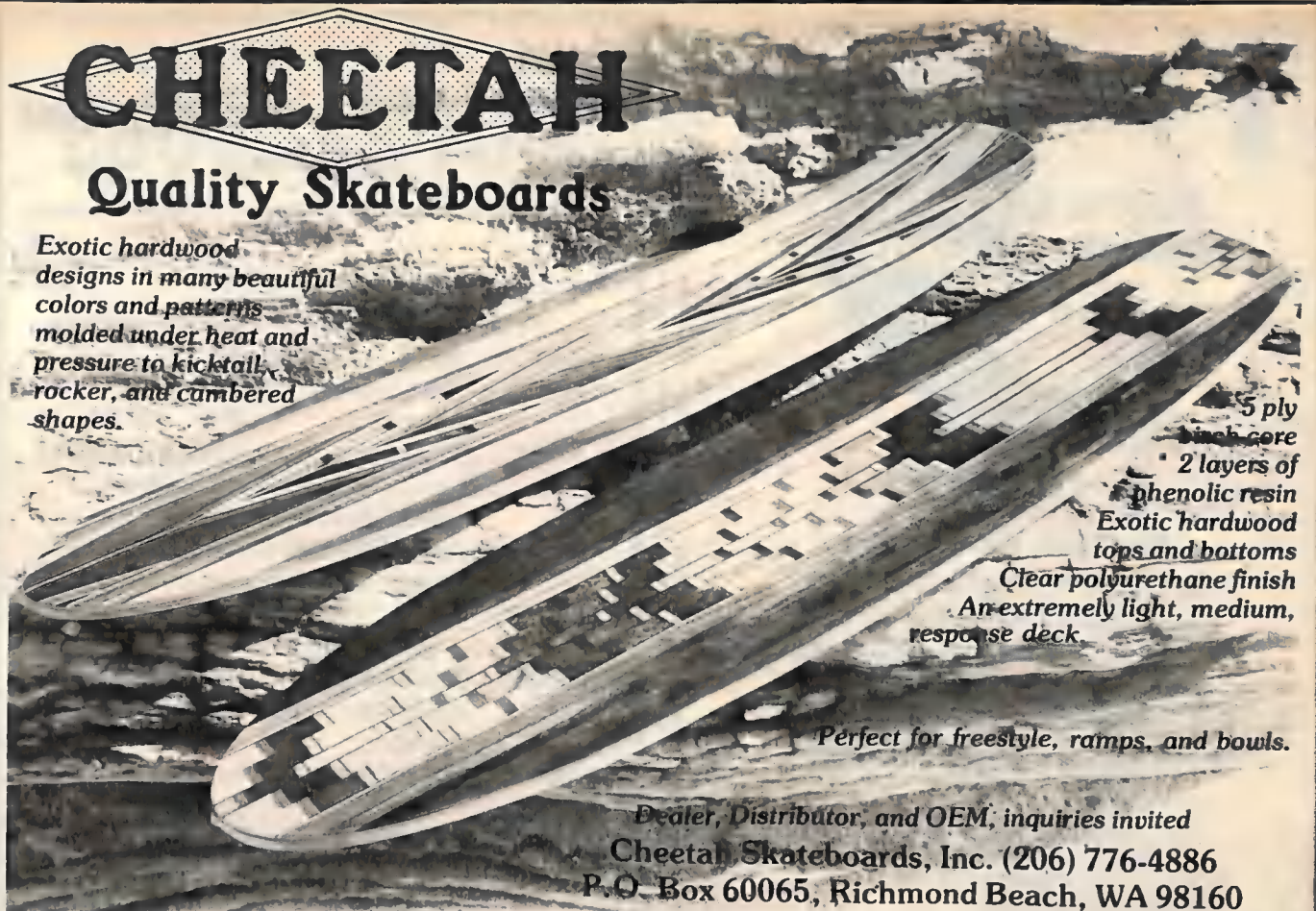
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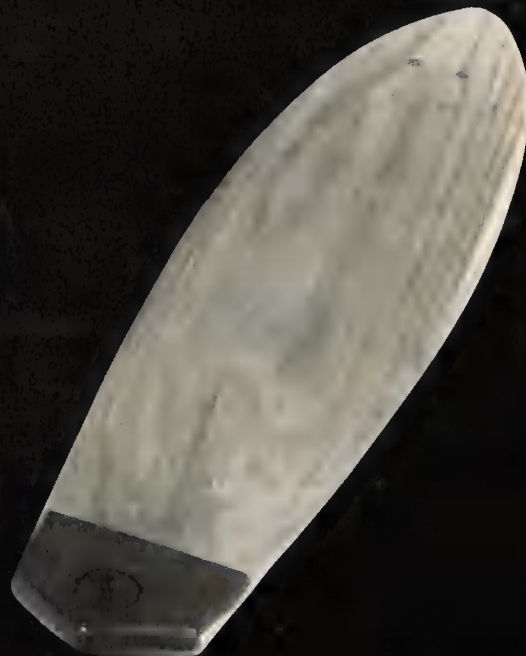
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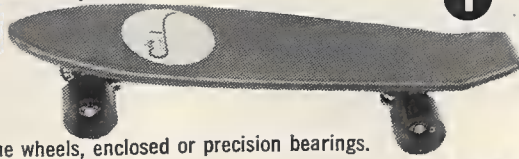
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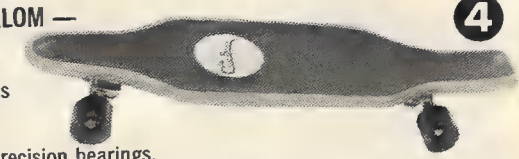
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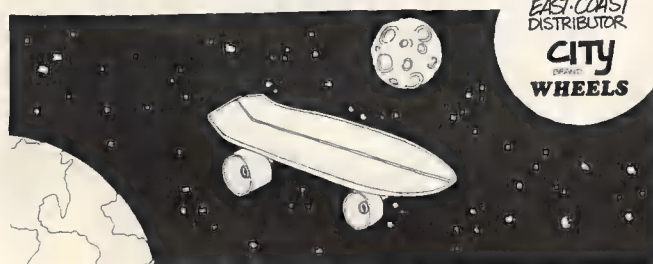
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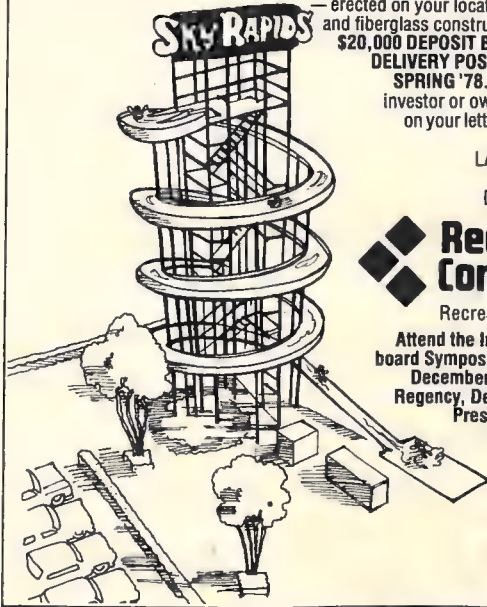


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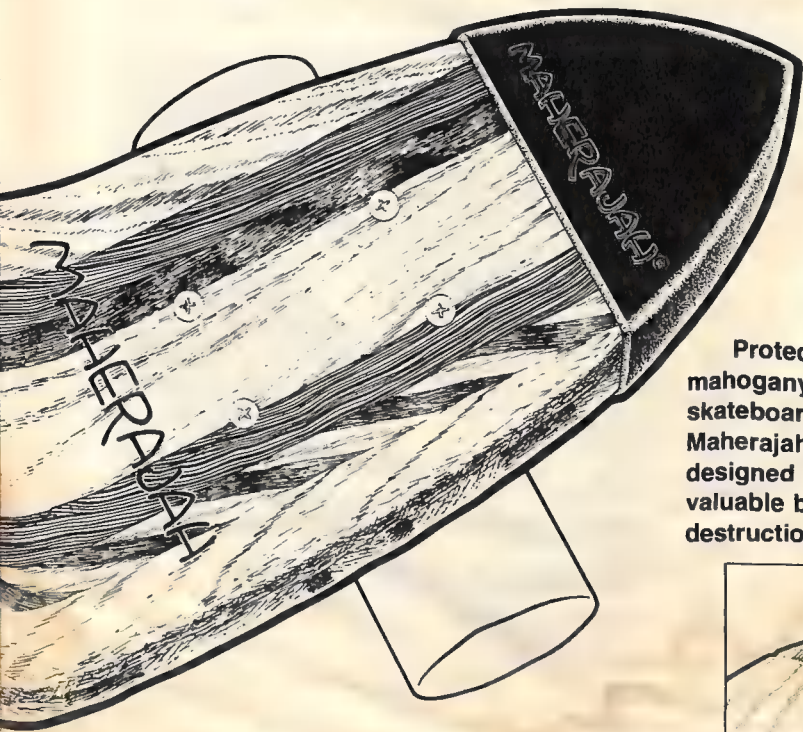
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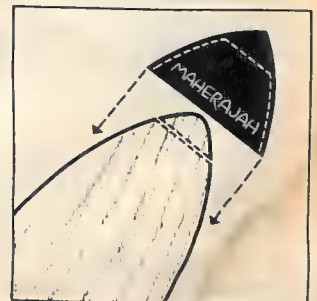
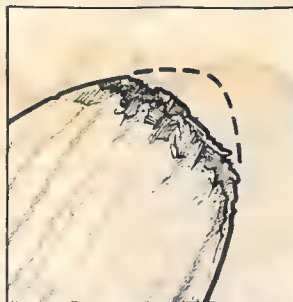
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The space we're stuck with for this portfolio is unfortunately slight, but this issue's Contents page, Center-spread, and Extra will as with future issues, continue to exhibit the unique technical and creative qualities that have become his trademarks.

The photographer as action subject. Cassimus is probably the hottest skater/photographer. Photo: Doug Schneider.

Self-portrait, 1977.





"Blinded by the light." Doug Schneider wisely avoids looking at the camera, but should be an auto pilot by this time of day anyway.





The most predominant beneficiary of Jim Cassimus' developing photo talents—Gregg Ayres—powerfully taking charge at their favorite park, The Pipeline.

(left)
Sequential Stacy slide. Peralta precision at the Pipeline. (Note Stacy's special attachment to prevent truck hangups).

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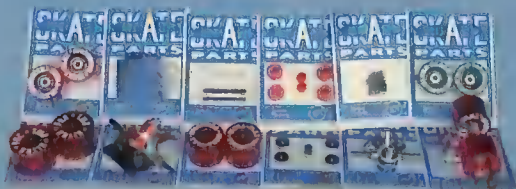
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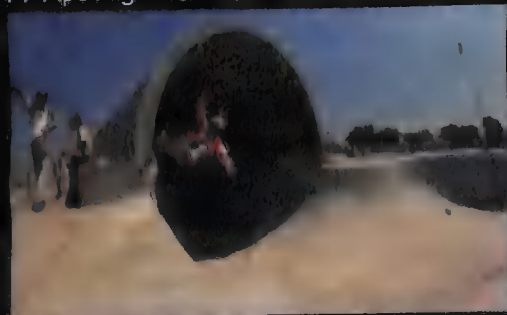
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Mr. Lewellan of the United Skateboard Association is setting up a strictly amateur national skateboard tour. Initial sessions will begin November 22 at the Concrete Wave in Anaheim. Interested parties can call Phil McLaughlin at the Wave at (714) 956-3101 for information.

The infamous pool riding challenge match of the century, a.k.a. the Carlsbad/SKATEBOARDER Contest, has been temporarily postponed by mutual decision to allow the necessary time for proper preparations. As usual, the skating world awaits with bated breath.

HOT SHOTS DEPT.

Lensman extraordinaire Jeff Ruiz is Europe-bound with the illustrious Hobie team. Look out, Paris, and jump back, Dusseldorf! No doubt, Ruiz will be traveling with his much heralded collection of Miss Hobie photos. As anyone will readily testify, these are the kind of shots that will win friends and influence people anywhere. Speaking of Miss Hobie, the luscious lass will soon display her abundant skateboarding talents in an upcoming PLAYBOY with photographs by Dwight Hooker and Arthur Jennings Brewer.

Glenn Friedman, who is either Dogtown's best, youngest or only photographer (one can never be too sure of this shooting star's current billing), is back on the home track after his lengthy Eastern sojourn. Recently sighted with his celebrated subject, Brewer's Bobby Piercy, the two were reportedly actively lining up additional PLAYBOY Bunnies for even further adventures.

Dandy Don Sheridan, graphics whiz, is now embarking on a career in journalism. Can there be no end to his stylish talents?

The Pepsi Co., under the guidance of their much heralded and well documented exhibition team, are building what promises to be the world's largest portable expo ramp. Their older, heavily traveled plexiglass incline is to be retired. Perhaps some other soft drink company may obtain the retiring ramp with the hopes of attempting to duplicate the Pepsi Challenge.

HOT FLASHES DEPT.

The Logan team has been working out en masse at La Costa lately, offering the

heaviest flashes thereabouts in quite some time. Oh, yes, those Logan boys are at it again.

Torrid sessions at the Dog Bowl, located, where else, but in stately Santa Monica, have been causing the rumors to flow. With all the Dogstars and Dogettes in constant attendance, is there any doubt that these are indeed weighty workouts? All of this and legal access, too! Some people just know how to live.

Corky Carroll dislocated his ankle on an extremely radical upside-down aquatic off-the-lip and had it set by Nuuhiwa senior. While it might set his skating back a bit, his picking is fine; meanwhile, "Skateboard Bill" rockets up the charts.

Russell Howell's 34 or 38 360's at the Long Beach contest are merely the tip of the iceberg. According to Paul Hoffman, Russ was "hardly even warmed up." Considering that Hoffman captured second with some hefty spins of his own, who's gonna doubt it?

Amidst the constant encouragement of the manufacturing and organizational elite, Tony Alva once again captured the World Record in the barrel jump at the L. B. Championships. Alva, always a trendsetter, unveiled his uniquely styled Germanic safety helmet, new model skate and a few moves that blew out even the most battle-hardened vets. Like they keep telling ya, the boy can jump.

Foster Dupont, rapid transit con-nisseur, passes on that the Rockies are the current high altitude hot spot.

—Editor's note: This column has received a multitude of testimonials regarding the qualities of Colorado's contours and the dynamic skating going on there. Keep tuned to these pages for further revealing cryptic Colorado truths.

Imagine our surprise at seeing that stalwart San Diego defender of the faith, the legendary Fibre Fats, wearing a t-shirt emblazoned with the Dogtown Palaca. To further confound all skeptics, Mr. Mad-dog was observed signing Fats' shirt (on his person) and even adding a reversed Arapaho cross. The cross, no doubt, was Tony's contribution to the Just-Enjoying-Some-Unreal-Skating crew.

Patrick Darrin, celebrated cinematographer, held a private screening of his untitled, non-commercial skate film on Halloween eve. The event was a full-fledged rocker with 300 of Pat's closest friends packed into the premiere party at Venice's prestigious Fox Theatre. Darrin's film featured 90 minutes of the hardest core skate and surf action distilled from his extensive film archives. Crowd reaction was particularly severe to vintage Mickey at Malibu (complete with uncensored interview), original Makaha and Hobie skate team bank riding circa 1965, unadulterated early Z-boys and Hawaiian Volcanic Crater downhill speed segments.

CARS OF THE STARS #2

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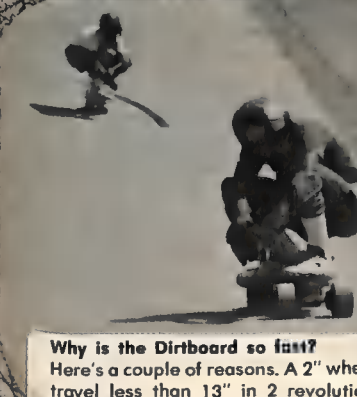
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FOOLISH FOTO DEPT.

John Severson is the correct answer to foolish question # whatever. Mellow Cat of La Jolla was the first to answer correctly. Unfortunately, our panel of judges disqualified Mr. Cat's entry due to his rather remarkable relationship with Mellow Cat Racing Products (who, coincidentally, provide the products that constitute our foolish prize). However, our most recent foolish effort is being hotly contested. Hint #1: Foster and Kleiser is incorrect. Hint #2: This is not 1/2 of the Smith Brothers. Our Foolish Foto for this month features a spacey character and a famous movie star. The first to correctly identify both wins our current foolish prize. ☺

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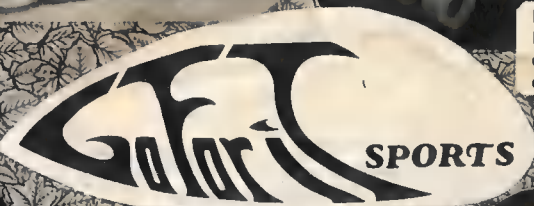
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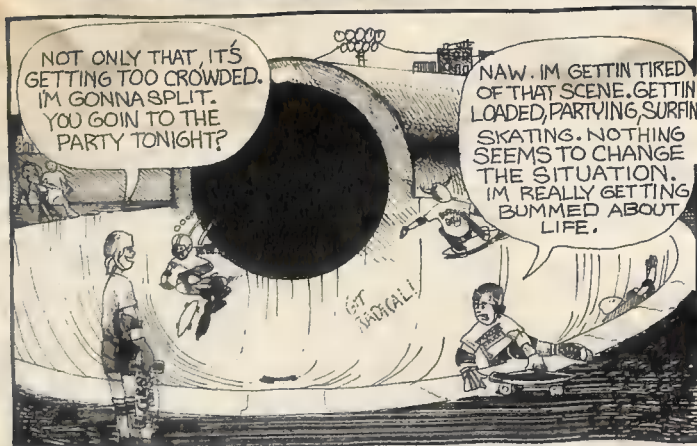
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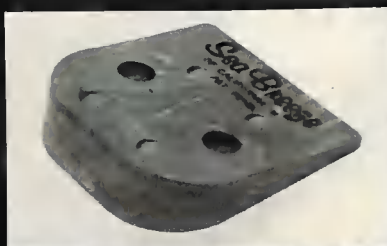
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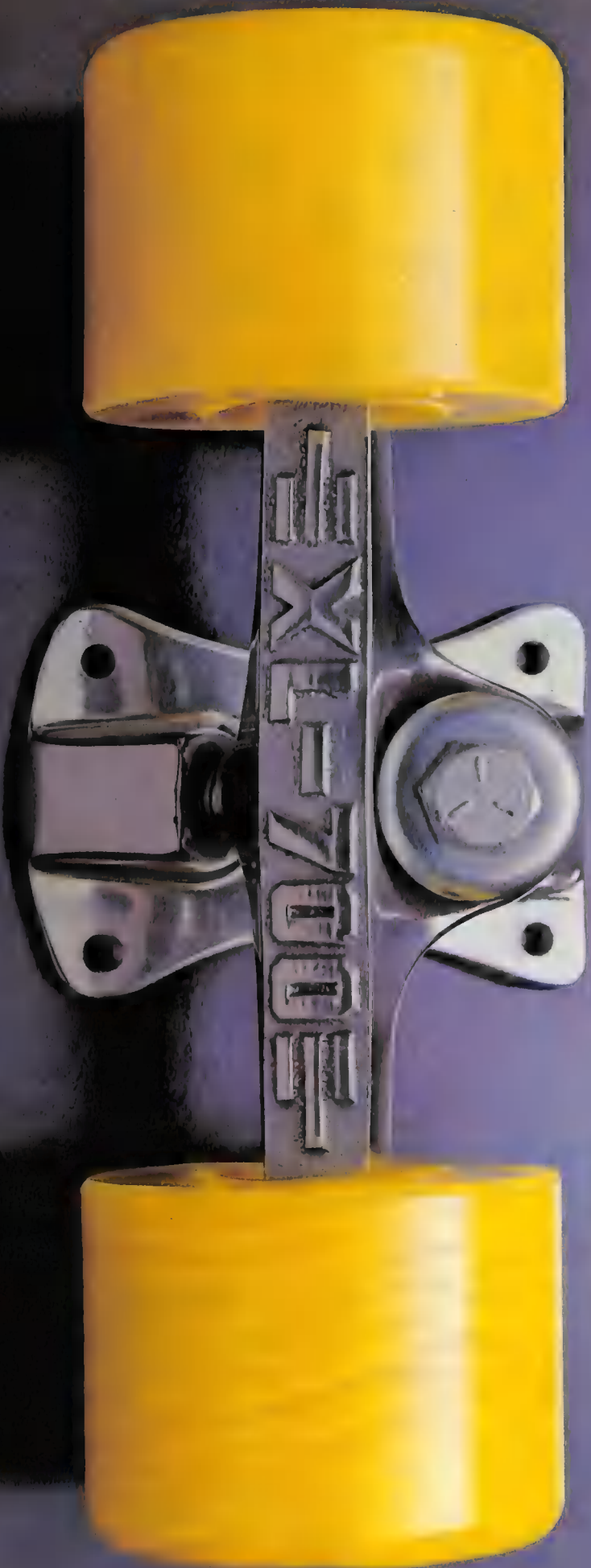
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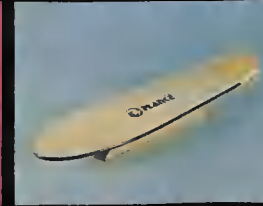
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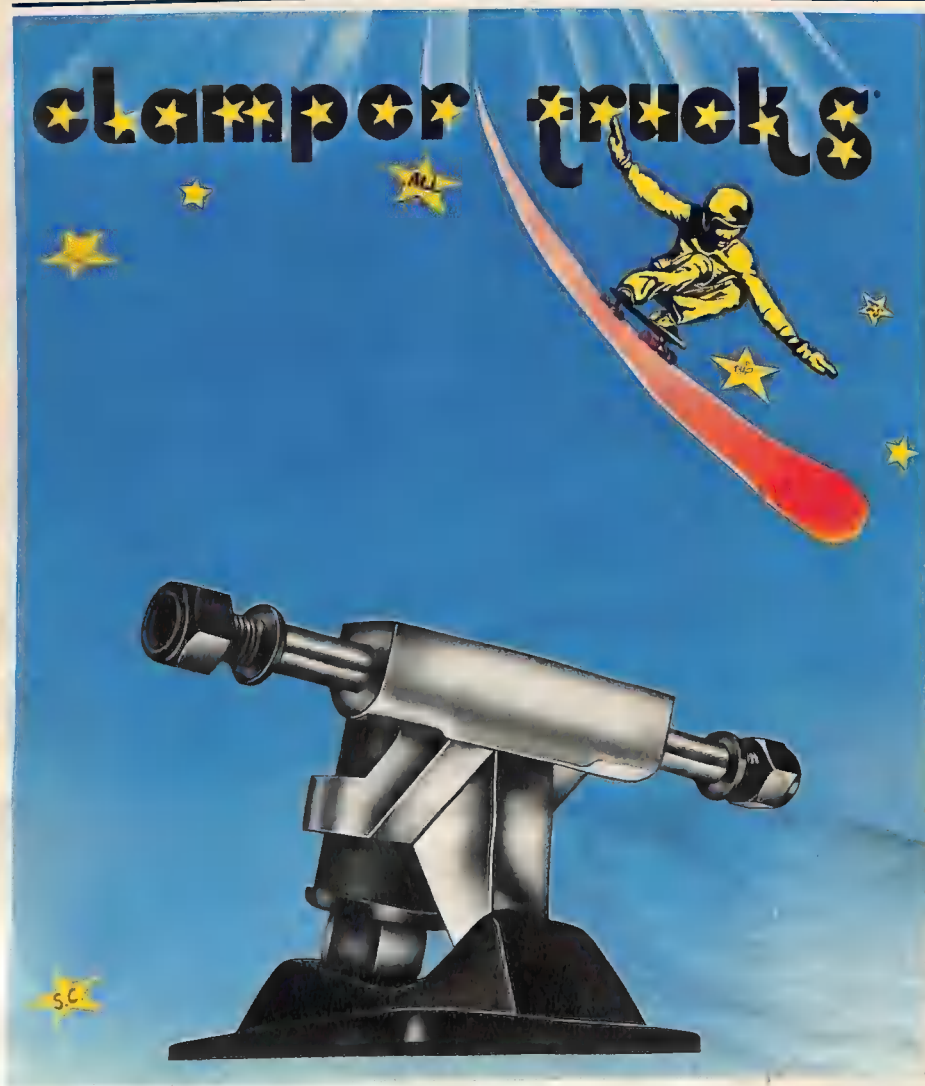


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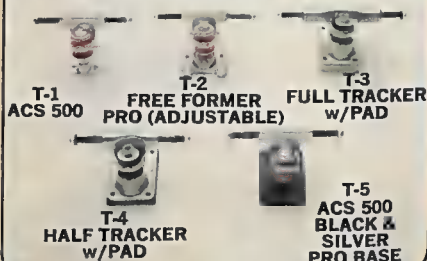
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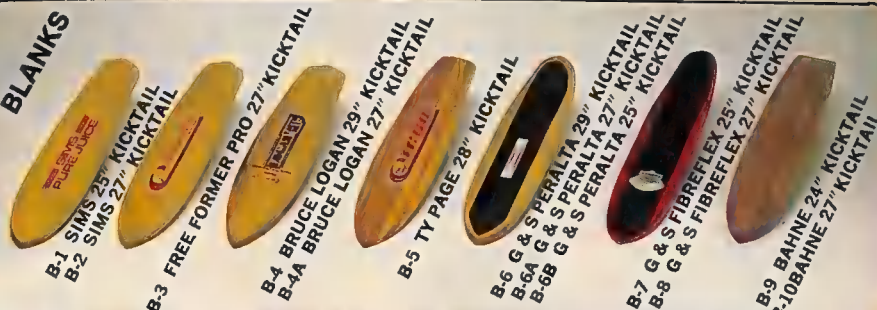
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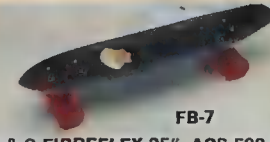
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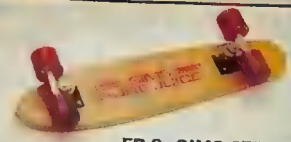
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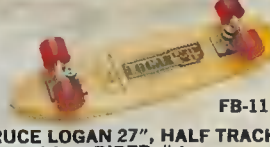
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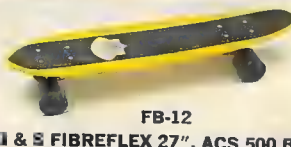
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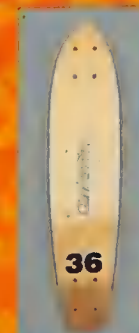


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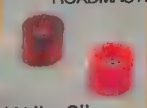


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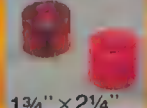
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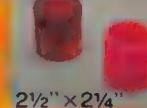
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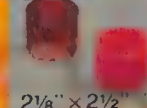
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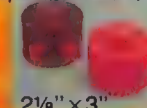
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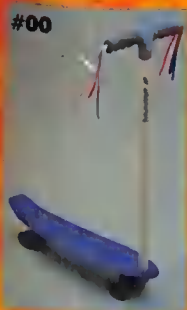
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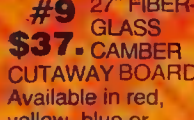
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Black and Gold trucks,
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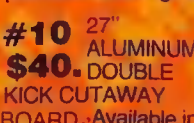
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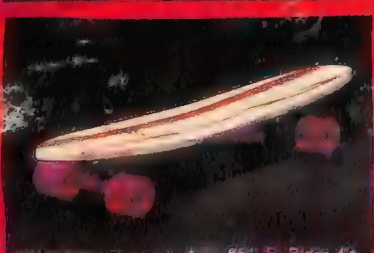
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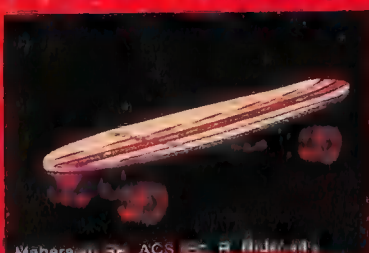
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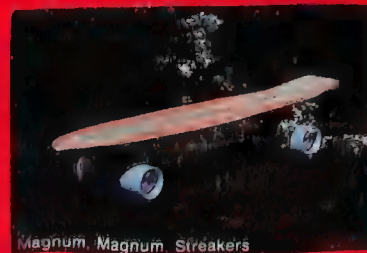
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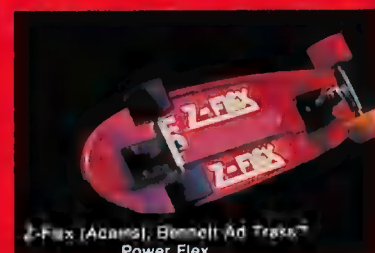
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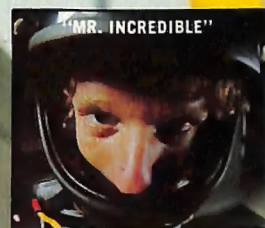
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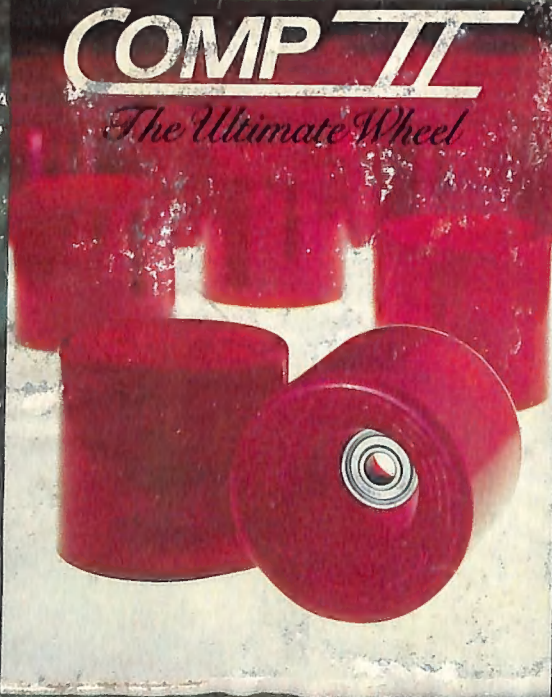
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